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DIRECTORY

Police (non-emergency)	863-3232
Police Office	863-7908
Sheriff	863-4200
Dog Officer/Animal Control	863-3232
Road Agent	863-6779
Town Office	863-3213
Fire Station	863-6375
Fire Chief (home phone)	863-6213
Forest Fire Warden - Burn Permits (home phone)	863-3670
Building Inspector (home phone)	863-6213
Health Officer	863-3213
Welfare Officer	863-3213
Library	863-0051
Town Office Fax Number	863-8105

The following boards meet at the Town Office, 856 US Rte. 10
Selectmen - 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month at 7:00 PM
Conservation Commission - 2nd Wed. of each month at 7:00 PM
Planning Board - 2nd Mon. of each month at 7:00 PM

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk	Mon.-Fri. - 9AM to 12 Noon Wed. 5 PM to 7 PM Last Sat. of each month 9AM-12PM
Tax Collector	Wed., 5 PM to 7 PM
Selectmen’s Office	Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

MEETINGS AT THE FIRE STATION

Fire Department	1st Wed. - 7 PM
Rescue Squad	3rd Wed. - 7 PM

MEETINGS AT MINOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Trustees	1st Mon. of Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. & Nov.
Friends of the Library	3rd Mon. of each month from April to November
Library Hours	Mon. & Wed. -3:30 PM to 8:00 PM

MEETINGS AT LEMPSTER STREET MEETING HOUSE

Historical Society	4th Wed. of Jan., Apr., July & Oct.
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TRANSFER STATION HOURS - SUN. 10 AM TO 4 PM
WED. (SUMMER) - 1 PM TO 5 PM (WINTER) 10 AM TO 2 PM

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THE 2000 TOWN REPORT EXTENDS SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Harold Whiting, Sr.



"Hey you - do you live in Lempster - and where is your Transfer Station Decal? And, why aren't you recycling?" Anyone who is familiar with Harold Whiting and visits the Transfer Station on a constant basis has heard these words. The only words the Board of Selectmen has for Harold is "THANK YOU". Within a few short weeks, Harold had the Transfer Station running like a well-oiled clock.

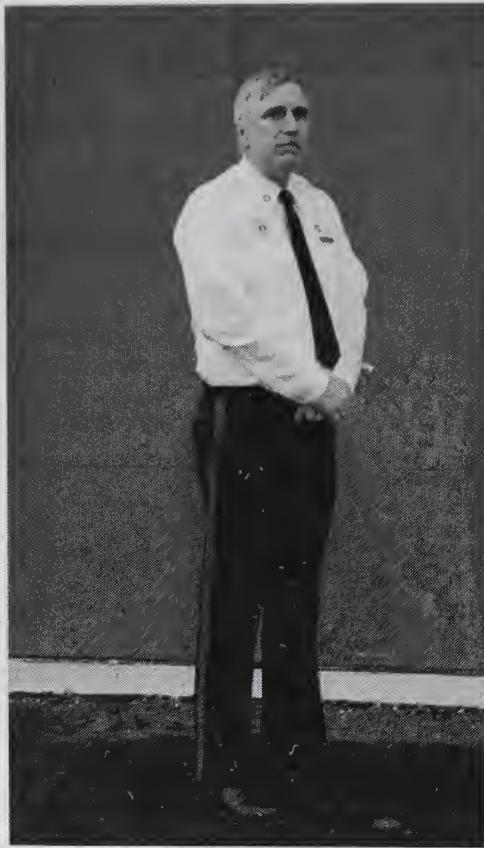
Harold began working for Lempster in 1957 as Road Agent. He worked in this position until 1962 when he decided to take a reprieve from the demand of the public - but - he couldn't stand it any longer and came back as Road Agent in 1968 - when to his wife's relief he retired in 1986. But sorry Bev, the Selectmen needed help and they knew who to turn to when they asked Harold to man the Transfer Station in April 2000.

Anyone who knows Harold also knows that he is a great historian of the town. He has lived in Lempster since a little boy and remembers going to school by sled. If you want to know anything about the history of our town - just ask Harold.

Harold is true to "his" town - and he has shown this by reducing the waste leaving our Transfer Station by one-half since his employment as Manager of the Station. As one resident, Flash Bachand so aptly put it "he's the nicest grouchy man I ever met." To this - we all need to appreciate the money he has have saved the taxpayers and say - "Thank you Harold - and yes, I will get my decal! And NO, this is not the dump - it is the Transfer Station."

THE 2000 TOWN REPORT EXTENDS APPRECIATION TO:

Thomas W. Moore, Sr.



It was with regret that the Town of Lempster had to accept the resignation of Thomas W. Moore, Sr. from not only the position of Chief of Police but as a member of the Lempster Fire Department and Rescue Squad as well. Tom has served our community with compassion and professionalism for several years. As noted on the Lempster Fire Department web page, Tom has served on the Fire Department since 500 B.C., or so it seems. The first written acknowledgement of his being on the department was in June of 1978 but as the other members will tell you, they can remember him being in service since they were in grade school. He began his service to the Police Department in 1995, first as an officer, then Corporal. He regrettably resigned as Chief in August of 2000. Tom stated that he wished to start enjoying some free time with his wife, Linda, in their new home on School Road as his main reason for leaving his positions. The Town has missed you Tom and there is only one thing left to say to you - Thank you for your many years of sharing, caring and dedication to your fellow residents. If you ever get bored (or Linda has had enough) - the doors in your Town are always open to you.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2000

SELECTMEN	Harrison E. Stover	(2001)
	Frederic W. Bard	(2002)
	Mary E. Grenier	(2003)
TOWN CLERK	Phyllis M. Clark	(2002)
TAX COLLECTOR	Phyllis M. Clark	(2002)
TREASURER	Kenneth Roberts	(2001)
PLANNING BOARD	Andy Whitman	(2001)
	R. Mark Adams	(2003)
	William Rodeschin	(2003)
	Kenneth LaQuire	(2001)
	Harrison E. Stover, Sel. Representative	
	Frances Burke, Alt. (Resigned)	
	Rex Baker, III, Alt. (On Leave)	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Roger Ferland	(2001)
	Yorick Hurd	(2001)
	Emily Fairweather	(2002)
	Gilbert Pinkney	(2002)
	Madeline Ferland	(2002)
	David Diehl	(2003)
	Tami Geuser	(2003)
	Carol Stamatakis, Alternate	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	Danny B. Morse	(Resigned 3/00)
	Thomas Moore, Sr.	(Resigned 8/00)
	Kainen Flynn	(Resigned 9/00)
	Nicholas P. Picerno	(2001)
	Jason A. LeMere	
ROAD AGENT	Phillip L. Howard	(2003)

SUPERVISORS OF
CHECKLIST

Madeline Ferland (2002)
Judith Ferland (2004)
John Terrell (2006)

AUDITOR

Donald Allen

HEALTH OFFICER

Lynn Lagasse

WELFARE OFFICER

Lynn Lagasse (2001)

FIRE CHIEF

Philip J. Tirrell, Sr.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

James Richards

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DIRECTOR

James Richards

LIBRARIAN

Susan Fratus

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John Terrell (2001)
Yorick Hurd (2002)
Barbara Richards (2003)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

David Diehl (2003)
Yorick Hurd (2002)
John Terrell (2001)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Nicholas Scalera (2001)
David Diehl (2001)
Yorick Hurd (2003)
Dorothy Hathaway (2002)
Emily Fairweather (2003)
Edna Chandler (Resigned 9/00)

MODERATOR

Michael Shklar (2001)

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Phillip J. Tirrell, Sr.

TOWN OF LEMPSTER

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**Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Highway Department
Planning Board**

**Tax Collector
Town Clerk
Treasurer**

GREETINGS AGAIN LEMPSTER

This year we completed painting the Lempster Town Hall. We also put a new furnace out to bid for the building, but we had no responses. We will try that again next summer. We are having the Town Hall lot surveyed to determine the property line with Richard Fellows.

The Town has purchased the property next to the cemetery from Gary Cloutier (2000 warrant Article 6). Next year we will begin ground preparation to expand the cemetery.

The 2000 Town Meeting voted to hire an outside accountant to audit the town books (Article 7). The firm of Plodzik and Sanderson has been hired to perform the audit. They will begin in April or May of 2001.

In 2000, Dan Morse, our Chief of Police of 6 years, did not seek reelection. Corporal Tom Moore was elected Chief. Tom resigned in August and Nick Picerno was appointed to fill the position. Chief Picerno is also Chief in Unity and he has done a very good job for the Town of Lempster.

Finally, the lawsuit with the Washington landowner at the end of Long Pond Road was resolved. They will be allowed access to the property through Long Pond with the stipulation of, at most, three residences can be built on the property. I have had conversations with prospective buyers, and they are interested in only one house at this time.

I would like to thank all the people who worked to continue the tradition of Old Home Day in Lempster. A fine job was done by all.

**Harry Stover, Chairman
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
State of New Hampshire
2001**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote on town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2001, at two thirty (2:30 PM) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting for candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to change the position of Police Chief from an elected position to one appointed by the Board of Selectmen to be effective March 2002. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$530,610.00 for the purpose of General Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$	58,500.00
Election & Registration		1,100.00
Financial Administration		500.00
Legal Expense		2,500.00
Employee Benefits		32,000.00
Planning Board		5,000.00
General Government Buildings		11,000.00
Appraisal of Property		1,500.00
Conservation Commission		500.00
Cemeteries		4,300.00

Insurance	16,000.00
Contingency	5,000.00
Police Department	30,000.00
Ambulance Service	3,500.00
Fire Department	25,160.00
Rescue Squad	5,000.00
Building Inspection	1,200.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	1,750.00
Highway Department	210,000.00
Street Lights	600.00
Solid Waste	70,000.00
Transfer Station Attendants	8,500.00
Health Agencies	5,000.00
Direct Assistance	4,000.00
Sullivan Nutrition	500.00
Parks & Recreation	600.00
Library	9,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00
Principal/Long Term Notes	14,000.00
Interest/Long Term Notes	900.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000.00

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to help off-set the cost of printing the newsletter, "The Lempster Owl". The Historical Society also contributes to the cost of printing of this newsletter. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,400.00 to provide for on duty Firefighter/EMS personnel. This position would be considered parttime and would cover the hours Monday through Friday, which are currently short of volunteer personnel. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to purchase the 11 acre parcel presently housing the Transfer Station on Lovejoy Road and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000.00 from the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to begin construction of a new Transfer Station on property located on Lovejoy Road across from the present Transfer Station and to authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000.00 from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of buying a Forestry Truck, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be placed in this fund and to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be entitled the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, to see if the town will authorize the placement of \$1,210.00 in this fund that were monies received from the sale of used highway equipment in 2000, and to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of buying a pumper truck for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase the loader presently at use at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to begin new cemetery construction on the recently purchased Cloutier property and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount from the Cemetery Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to be placed in the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a revaluation of the Town in 2003 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be placed in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (CIP Article)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a one percent (1%) discount on taxes if paid in full within ten days of issue.

Article 22: To transact any and all business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Harrison E. Stover, Chairman
Frederic W. Bard
Mary E. Grenier
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2001 WARRANT ARTICLES:

Article 4 - Operating Budget	\$530,610.00
Article 5 - Lempster Owl	2,400.00
Article 6 - Fire/Rescue Personnel	23,400.00
Article 7 - Transfer Station Property	25,000.00*
Article 8 - New Transfer Station	10,000.00*
Article 9 - Forestry Truck	2,000.00
Article 11 - Fire Pumper CR	3,000.00
Article 12 - Transfer Station Loader	8,000.00
Article 13 - New Cemetery	9,000.00*
Article 14 - Town Hall Exp. Trust	7,000.00
Article 15 - Police Cruiser CR	3,000.00
Article 16 - Revaluation CR	25,000.00
Article 17 - Bridge CR	5,000.00
Article 18 - Transfer Station CR	5,000.00
Article 19 - Landfill CR	10,000.00
Article 20 - Cemetery CR	1,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$669,410.00
 *Minus Capital Reserve Monies	 -44,000.00
 TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	 \$625,410.00
 1% increase over 2000	

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
PROPOSED BUDGET 2001

	<u>2000</u> <u>Appropriated</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Proposed</u>
Executive	\$ 54,500.00	\$56,727.92	\$58,500.00
Election & Regis.	2,300.00	2,242.68	1,100.00
Financial Admin.	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00
Legal Expense	2,500.00	1,640.95	2,500.00
Employee Benefits	32,000.00	34,573.30	32,000.00
Planning Board	5,000.00	4,164.38	5,000.00
Gen. Govern. Bldgs.	11,000.00	10,850.70	11,000.00
Appraisal of Prop.	1,700.00	2,092.00	1,500.00
Conservation Com.	650.00	650.00	500.00
Cemeteries	4,000.00	2,880.00	4,300.00
Insurance	16,000.00	15,775.00	16,000.00
Contingency	3,000.00	-0-	5,000.00
Police Dept.	24,400.00	24,021.75	30,000.00
Rescue Squad	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Ambulance Service	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fire Dept.	23,600.00	23,600.00	25,160.00
Building Inspt.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Emgcy Mgnt/For Fire	7,750.00	7,087.40	1,750.00
Highway Dept.	220,000.00	219,950.03	210,000.00
Street Lights	600.00	490.97	600.00
Solid Waste	65,000.00	68,533.53	70,000.00
Trans. Sta. Attend.	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,500.00
Health Agencies	3,000.00	3,366.00	5,000.00
Direct Assistance	3,000.00	3,442.32	4,000.00
Sullivan Nutrition	500.00	500.00	500.00
Parks & Recreation	600.00	575.41	600.00
Library	8,500.00	8,500.00	9,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00	425.20	500.00
Prin./LT Notes	24,000.00	24,000.00	14,000.00
Int./LT Notes	1,254.00	1,253.38	900.00
Int./TAN	2,000.00	-0-	2,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$536,054.00	 \$536,043.42	 \$530,610.00

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
SOURCES OF REVENUE
2001

	<u>2000</u> <u>Estimated</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2001</u> <u>Estimated</u>
<u>TAXES:</u>			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 3,000	\$ 6,700	\$ 3,000
Yield Tax	25,000	21,372	25,000
Int. & Penalties			
On Delinquent Taxes	16,500	23,000	20,000
Excavation Activity Tax	100	115	100
Excavation Tax	900	1,100	1,000
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES:</u>			
Business Lic. & Permits	100	70	70
Motor Vehicle Permits	110,000	120,000	125,000
Building Permits	1,000	1,250	1,200
Other Licenses	2,000	2,000	2,000
<u>FROM STATE:</u>			
Shared Revenues	5,000	5,474	5,400
Meals & Room Tax	19,000	23,840	23,000
Highway Block Grant	61,683	61,684	65,681
Forest Land Reimbursement	550	628	600
Dept. Of Resources & Economic Development	5,000	5,000	-0-
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES:</u>			
Income From Departments	5,000	4,000	5,000
Cemetery Dept.	500	250	500
Transfer Station	-0-	2,000	2,500
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:</u>			
Sale of Municipal Property	2,000	-0-	3,500
Int. On Investments	1,500	1,500	1,500
Rent of Town Property	3,150	3,150	3,150
Insurance Refunds	1,500	835	1,000
Forest Fund Interest	4,000	4,500	4,000
<u>INTERFUND OPERATING</u> <u>TRANSFERS IN:</u>			
Capital Reserve Funds	35,000	35,000	44,000
 TOTAL	 \$302,483	 \$323,468	 \$337,201

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2001									
			TOTAL EST COST	CAPITAL RESERVE	YEAR 1ST FUNDED	YEAR PURCHASED	YEAR LAST FUNDED		
DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM							2001	2002
POLICE	Cruiser 2004		\$35,000	\$2,715	1999	2004	2004	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Cruiser 2009				2005	2009	2009		
	Radio		\$3,000	\$891	1994	1994	1999		\$3,000
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Commun.		\$2,500	\$3,071	1983	1983	1998		
FORESTRY	Truck		\$2,000		2001			\$2,000	
FIRE	Water Sys.		\$60,000	\$3,324	1990	1990			
	Tanker 2000		\$120,000		1999	1999	2009	\$14,907	\$14,907
	Pumper 2010		\$200,000		2001	2001		\$3,000	\$3,000
	NFPA Equip		\$23,800						
	Rescue 2011		\$100,000		2004				\$3,333
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Twn Bldg								
	Exp. Trust			\$542	1986	1986		\$7,000	\$7,000
	Twn History		\$7,500	\$7,753	1983	1983			
	Revaluation		\$83,000		2001	2001	2003	\$25,000	\$25,000
HIGHWAY	Plow 2000		\$110,000		1999	1999	2004	\$24,051	\$24,051
	Plow 2004		\$150,000		2005		2009		\$25,000
	Bridges			\$8,050	1997	1997		\$5,000	
SOLID WASTE	Trans. Sta.		\$177,175	\$60,007	1989	1989		\$5,000	\$5,000
	Landfill Clos.		\$206,885	\$63,512	1989	1989		\$10,000	\$10,000
CEMETERY	New Cemetery			\$9,194	1996	1996		\$1,000	\$4,000
TOTAL								\$99,958	\$97,958
								\$100,958	\$74,291
								\$74,291	\$75,240

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF LEMPSTER
State of New Hampshire
March 14, 2000**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School in said Lempster, on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2000, at two thirty (2:30 PM) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting for candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Motion by: Darlene Morse

Seconded by: Janet Gibson

Motion passed unanimously. The polls were opened by Moderator Shklar at 2:35 PM.

Elected were:	Mary E. Grenier, Selectman	3 years
	Michael C. Shklar, Moderator	1 year
	R. Mark Adams, Planning Board	3 years
	William Rodeschin, Planning Board	3 years
	Lynn Lagasse, Welfare Officer	1 year
	Kenneth C. LaQuire, Planning Board	1 year
	Phillip Howard, Road Agent	3 years
	John Terrell, Checklist Supervisor	6 years
	David Diehl, Cemetery Trustee	3 years
	Donald Allen, Auditor	1 year
	Kenneth Roberts, Treasurer	1 year
	Emily Fairweather, Library Trustee	3 years
	Yorick Hurd, Library Trustee	3 years
	Edna Chandler, Library Trustee	2 years
	Dorothy Hathaway, Library Trustee	2 years
	Barbara Richards, Trustee Trust Fund	3 years
	Thomas Moore, Sr., Police Chief	1 year

Moderator, Michael Shklar, opened the business portion of the meeting at 7:09 PM. He requested that all non-voters raise their hands and that anyone in the audience that knew of someone who was a non-voter and was not raising their hand to please inform the Moderator. He also requested that all non-voters sit or stand to the left rear of the room. He then requested that all in attendance remember their manners in hopes to have a cooperative meeting.

The Moderator then introduced non-resident, Ted LeClair, who had asked to address the meeting.

Ted LeClair, a resident of Goshen, stated that he wanted to thank the Town of Lempster for honoring his late wife, Riki LeClair, in the 1999 Town Report and to also thank the people of Lempster for the support received by his wife during her illness.

Article 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Motion by: Fred Bard
Seconded by: John Terrell

The motion passed unanimously.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$536,054.00 for the purpose of General Town Operations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	54,500
Election & Registration	2,300
Financial Administration	1,500
Legal Expense	2,500
Employee Benefits	32,000
Planning Board	5,000
General Government Buildings	11,000
Appraisal of Property	1,700
Conservation Commission	650
Cemeteries	4,000

Insurance	16,000
Contingency	3,000
Police Department	24,400
Ambulance Service	3,500
Fire Department	23,600
Rescue Squad	5,000
Building Inspection	1,200
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	7,750
Highway Department	220,000
Street Lights	600
Solid Waste	65,000
Transfer Station Attendants	7,500
Health Agencies	3,000
Direct Assistance	3,000
Sullivan Nutrition	500
Parks & Recreation	600
Library	8,500
Patriotic Purposes	500
Principal/Long Term Notes	24,000
Interest/Long Term Notes	1,254
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000

Motion by: Harrison Stover
Seconded by: John Terrell

Selectman Mary Grenier addressed the audience and explained increases in the operating budget. The executive line item is up due to increasing the Administrative Assistant’s position to full time, an increase in the Town Clerk’s salary to bring her in line with what other clerks are getting for state motor vehicle registrations, the Town Report cost more this year because of the listing of taxpayers and money exists in this item to network the Selectmen’s computer with the Treasurer’s computer. An increase appears in the Planning Board budget because they are rewriting the subdivision regulations. The Fire Department budget this year includes the firefighter’s compensation rather than appearing as a special article. Emergency Management has a large increase because the amount includes a grant of \$5,000 which will be received from DRED. The

principal and interest items are up due to two payments for fire trucks for the year 2000. John Fabrycky asked if the Administrative Assistant would be getting retirement benefits. M. Grenier responded that she would.

There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Article 4: To see if the Town is in favor of the Board of Selectmen authorizing a right-of-way over the 125 foot strip of town owned property at the end of the Long Pond Road, said right-of-way to be used as a driveway for two single family residences. Also said right-of-way will not extend so as to reach any roads in the Town of Washington. Authorization of this right-of-way will establish that the Long Pond Road ends 125 feet from the Washington town line.

Motion by: Mary Grenier

Seconded by: Madeline Ferland

Moderator Michael Shklar stepped down as Moderator to speak as Town's Counsel in this matter. He turned over the position of Moderator at 7:15 PM to Marc Hathaway.

Michael Shklar, as Town's Counsel in this matter, explained that a land owner in the Town of Washington, John Williams, wishes to access his property in Washington via the end of the Long Pond Road over a 125 foot strip of property the Town retained when the area was developed. Mr. Williams now has a right-of-way over Lot 49 at Long Pond which lies next to the Town's ROW and the Washington Town Line. Mr. Williams is requesting a driveway over the Town property to his land with the stipulation that he will limit the residences to 3 single family residences. Mr. Williams will agree not to develop his property further and will not allow the driveway to go to any other road in the Town of Washington. Mr. Williams will also remove his right to cross over Lot 49. Mr. Williams also has agreed to pay the Town's legal expenses up to \$1,000. Prior to the Selectmen hiring M. Shklar, the Board had decided not to allow access. The Selectmen would like to receive a consensus of the meeting to see what the voters feel the Selectmen should do. M. Shklar stated that since this is in litigation, he was not free to say he feels the Town's chances are good or bad. He did say that he felt the Williams' proposal was a fair proposal. Many residents expressed concern that once Mr. Williams receives access to his property, the

Town of Washington, not Lempster, will have the say on how many residences are built on the property. Judy Schur, Secretary of the Long Pond Association, read a letter from James Wilkie, President of the Long Pond Association expressing concerns of increased traffic, use of the Town's emergency services and the increased use of the pond which is one of the cleanest in the state. (The letter is attached to the original minutes filed with the Town Clerk.) Residents also expressed worry of increased use of the public beach which is for Lempster residents only. The question was asked if Mr. Williams has tried to access this property through the Town of Washington. M. Shklar replied that he had but that access in Washington proved to be too difficult. M. Shklar reminded the audience that if the Town took this to court and lost, then Mr. Williams could build as many residences as were legally possible on his land with no input or say from the Town of Lempster.

Moderator Pro-Tem Hathaway called the question. The Moderator determined that a voice vote of "no" passed. The Board of Selectmen asked for a hand count. The outcome of the hand count was Yes: 26 and No: 65.

M. Hathaway returned the meeting to Moderator Shklar at 7:40 PM.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to finish painting the Town Meeting House and preparation for the next restoration phase of the Town Meeting House and to authorize the withdrawal of \$20,000.00 from the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust Fund established for this purpose. The balance of \$10,000.00 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: Madeline Ferland

Seconded by: Deborah Stone

Selectman Mary Grenier explained that \$12,000 of the \$30,000 would be used to complete the painting of the Town Meeting House. The remainder would be used to study the next restoration phase of the meeting house such as repairing of the foundation windows and shimming up the interior stones in the foundation. John Fabrycky asked what the total cost over a 5 year plan would be to get this building in shape and for what use. M. Grenier explained that the Selectmen had

many options. It is felt that the building needs an estimated \$180,000 in repairs. It is hoped that the building can again be used for Town Meetings. Max Warren asked if the building is being used now. M. Grenier stated that it was used for Old Home Day in 1999. Shawn Best asked what funds remained in the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust after this expense. Harrison Stover replied that \$347.00 would remain. Deborah Stone spoke in favor of the article stating that the Meeting House is one of only 13 remaining in New England. Mike Hartwell inquired about grants for this project. M. Grenier replied that the Board had checked into these but did not care for the restrictions and limitations imposed by the use of the grants. R. Mark Adams spoke in favor of the article stating that monies are available and that the building is worth saving.

Fred Bard moved to cease debate and call the question. The motion was seconded by Harrison Stover and carried unanimously.

The article passed by a unanimous vote.

At 8:00 PM, the Moderator informed the audience that he would be closing the polls shortly so anyone who wished to vote needed to do so now.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase the property of Gary & Virginia Cloutier that borders Dodge Pond and the Town Cemetery described in tax records as Map 8, Lot 337.144 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000.00 from the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: R. Mark Adams

Seconded by: Everett Thurber

Selectman Mary Grenier explained that the money for this purpose is in reserve and would not be included in the tax rate when set. Madeline Ferland questioned whether this was wetland and how much of the property can be used. Harrison Stover explained that approximately 2 out of the 5 acres can be used as a cemetery. The cost for fill, fencing, etc. is explained on page 19 of the 1999 Town Report (as pointed out by Andy Whitman). William Rodeschin spoke in

favor of the article stating that this property is adjacent to the current cemetery and is in the center of town. David Clow asked what the Town charged for lots. The response was \$250.00. D. Clow pointed out that the Town would make its money back.

Motion was made by Fred Bard to cease debate and call the question. The motion was seconded by George Peck and carried unanimously.

The original article passed.

The polls were closed by Moderator Shklar at 8:10 PM.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for the purpose of hiring an auditing firm to conduct the 2000 audit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: Michael Hartwell
Seconded by: Richard MacPhee

Chairman Mary Grenier explained that the Board thought it would be good if the Town had a CPA audit for the year 2000. The Town has not had a CPA audit since the 1980's. Phyllis Clark, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, stated that the office employees are in favor of this audit. Shawn Best stated that he thought it was prudent and wise to have an outside audit.

The motion passed.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public class V road Blue Heron Road off of Long Pond Road. (Submitted by petition)

Motion by: Richard Schur
Seconded by: Roger Ferland

Cecelia Jeffrey of Blue Heron Road, explained that when she and her husband bought the property they were told by the Realtor that the road would be plowed if someone lived on it. She then learned from the Town that the road

was not a Town maintained road. She has health problems and is concerned that emergency vehicles may not reach her home. She was also told that in 1962 the Town voted to maintain all Long Pond Roads. Henry Frank asked why should the Town maintain the road as it would increase highway costs. William Rodeschin asked if the road met standards. Phil Howard replied that it did not and was a very short road in poor condition. Madeline Ferland stated that she has lived at Long Pond for 30 years and that the road was always plowed until a few years ago. Phil Tirrell stated that he lived on this road from 1972 to 1981 and that the road was plowed then. Harold Whiting stated that he plowed the road when he was Road Agent.

The motion passed.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase a heart defibrillator and monitor for the Lempster Rescue Squad. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: Philip Tirrell, Sr.

Seconded by: John Fabrycky

Philip Tirrell explained that the Rescue Squad was in need of a new defibrillator. Jane Verdicchio asked if the members of the squad were certified to use the defibrillator. P. Tirrell replied that they were. James Grenier spoke in favor of the article. Francis Burke also spoke in favor of the article stating that he was saved by a defibrillator.

The motion passed.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: R. Mark Adams

Seconded by: William Rodeschin

Thomas Moore, Sr. explained that this fund was set up by the CIP Committee so that the cruiser could be replaced every 5 years.

The motion passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Chairman Mary Grenier explained that the Selectmen wished to withdrawal this article since Article 5 passed.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: R. Mark Adams

Seconded by: Richard MacPhee

R. Mark Adams explained the purpose of this Capital Reserve Fund. Nick Scalera asked what the plans were for the future transfer station. The Selectmen explained that at some time the station may be set up across the road from the present station or possibly placed elsewhere in town. This money would be used to set up a new station.

The motion passed unanimously.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: Henry Frank

Seconded by: William Rodeschin

Phillip Howard explained that this fund was set up with the Capital Improvements Program Committee so that there could be more control over the budget. Expensive bridge repairs or replacements would no longer have to come out of the highway operating budget. Jane Verdicchio asked why the figure of \$1,700 appeared in the CIP report for this article. H. Stover explained that it had been changed to \$5,000 but didn't get corrected in the report.

The motion passed unanimously.

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Motion by: R. Mark Adams

Seconded by: Andy Whitman

Chairman Mary Grenier explained that the purpose of the fund was to put money away to close the landfill. Shawn Best asked if the Selectmen had a time frame for this project. M. Grenier replied that they did not but new that it would be costly and the Town needs to keep this fund active. Thomas Verdicchio asked what the long term plans were. M. Grenier explained that the Transfer Station could be moved across from the present station but other options might exist as well.

The motion passed unanimously.

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (CIP Article) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Chairman Mary Grenier explained that the Selectmen wished to withdrawal this article since Article 6 passed.

Article 16 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$699.00 to assist the Southwestern Community Services. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Motion by: Madeline Ferland

Seconded by: John Fabruck

Chairman Mary Grenier explained that Southwestern Services had assisted 114 residents of Lempster in 1999 in the amount of \$29,592. These funds were used to assist with fuel purchases and winterization projects. John Fabrycky asked why couldn't this just be put into the budget each year. The Selectmen thought this was a good idea.

The motion passed unanimously.

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a one percent (1%) discount on taxes if paid in full within ten days of issue.

Motion by: Frederic Bard

Seconded by: Mary Grenier

Phyllis Clark, Tax Collector stated that she absolutely hates this article.

The motion passed with one dissenting vote - that of P. Clark, Tax Collector.

Article 18 To transact any and all business that may legally come before said Town Meeting.

Motion by: Phyllis Clark

Seconded by: Everett Thurber

The Moderator turned the floor over to Thomas Moore, Sr. T. Moore and Kainen Flynn presented an appreciation plaque to Police Chief Danny Morse, who chose not to run for re-election in 2000. D. Morse accepted the plaque with thanks to a standing ovation.

Moderator Michael Shklar announced that the third grade class would have serving a spaghetti dinner at the school the evening of March 23, 2000. After the dinner, the children have a project fair.

Moderator Shklar expressed his appreciation to the audience for their cooperation at tonights meeting.

Motion was made by Everett Thurber to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Clark and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darlene Morse". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Darlene Morse
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
2000 BUDGET
As of 12/31/00

	2000 APPROPRIATION	2000 EXPENDED	BALANCE	
Executive	\$54,500.00	\$56,602.59	-\$2,102.59	103.86%
Elec/Reg/Vital Stats	\$2,300.00	\$2,242.68	\$57.32	97.51%
Financial Admin.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		100.00%
Legal Expense	\$2,500.00	\$1,766.28	\$733.72	70.65%
Employee Benefits	\$32,000.00	\$34,573.30	-\$2,573.30	108.04%
Planning Board	\$5,000.00	\$4,164.38	\$835.62	83.29%
General Govern. Bldgs.	\$11,000.00	\$10,850.70	\$149.30	98.64%
Appraisal of Property	\$1,700.00	\$2,092.50	-\$392.50	123.09%
Conservation Com.	\$650.00	\$650.00		100.00%
Cemeteries	\$4,000.00	\$2,880.00	\$1,120.00	72.00%
Insurance	\$16,000.00	\$15,775.00	\$225.00	98.59%
Contingency	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
Police Dept.	\$24,400.00	\$24,021.75	\$378.25	98.45%
Rescue Squad	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		100.00%
Ambulance Service	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		100.00%
Fire Department	\$23,600.00	\$23,600.00		100.00%
Building Inspection	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		100.00%
Emgcy Mgmt/Forest Fire	\$7,750.00	\$7,087.40	\$662.60	91.45%
Highway Department	\$220,000.00	\$219,950.03	\$49.97	99.98%
Street Lights	\$600.00	\$490.97	\$109.03	81.83%
Solid Waste	\$65,000.00	\$68,533.53	-\$3,533.53	105.44%
Transfer Sta. Attendants	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		100.00%
Health Agencies	\$3,000.00	\$3,366.00	-\$366.00	112.20%
Direct Assistance	\$3,000.00	\$3,442.32	-\$442.32	114.74%
Sullivan Nutrition	\$500.00	\$500.00		100.00%
Parks & Recreation	\$600.00	\$575.41	\$24.59	95.90%
Library	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00		100.00%
Patriotic Purposes	\$500.00	\$425.20	\$74.80	85.04%
Princ./LT Notes	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00		100.00%
Int./LT Notes	\$1,254.00	\$1,253.38	\$0.62	99.95%
Int. TAN Notes	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
TOTAL	\$536,054.00	\$536,043.42	\$10.58	100.00%

SPECIAL ARTICLES

Art. 5 - Twn Meeting House	\$30,000.00	\$12,650.00	\$17,350.00 *
Art. 6 - Cemetery Property	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Art. 7 - Audit	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00 *
Art. 9 - Rescue Defib.	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Art. 10-Police Cruiser CR	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Art. 12-Trans. Sta CR	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Art. 13-Bridge CR	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Art. 14-Landfill Clos CR	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Art. 16- Southwestern	\$699.00	\$699.00	

*Carried over to 2001

2000 SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE

	<u>Exp. 1999</u>	<u>Exp. 2000</u>
Town Office Salaries:		
Mary E. Grenier, Selectman	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 2,500.00
Harrison E. Stover, Selectman	2,525.00	2,500.00
Frederic W. Bard, Selectman	2,525.00	2,500.00
Kenneth Roberts, Treasurer	2,000.00	2,000.00
Phyllis M. Clark, Tax Collector/Town Clerk	9,849.10	11,874.75
Darlene Morse, Administrative Assistant	15,794.26	18,140.00
Total Salaries	\$35,218.36	\$ 39,514.75
 Town Officer's Expense:		
Advertising	\$ 1,881.74	\$ 1,370.18
Office Supplies & Maintenance	2,179.01	1,927.82
Office Equipment (Copier)	1,495.00	-0-
Sullivan County Registry of Deeds	581.29	529.48
Postage	1,976.44	1,610.76
Town Officer's Dues	637.00	735.00
Tax Map Maintenance	1,050.00	950.00
Town Report	2,184.17	2,779.32
Computer Maintenance Selectmen's Office	674.28	397.87
Computer Technical Support Town Clerk	1,452.80	1,799.00
Tax Lien Searches	847.00	825.00
Dog Licenses	107.55	67.93
Seminars	874.04	875.00
Law Book Updates	658.43	613.83
Vital Statistics	819.00	1,072.00
Water Dispenser	104.75	-0-
Employee Drug Testing	85.00	204.00
Goshen-Lempster School (PTA, KidznMotion & yearbook)	300.00	150.00
Lot Rent - Tax Deeded Property	240.00	195.00
Cruiser Repair	250.00	-0-
Election Expense	-0-	905.65
Miscellaneous	120.73	80.00
Total Expenses	\$ 18,518.23	\$ 17,087.84
 TOTAL EXECUTIVE	 \$ 53,736.59	 \$ 56,602.59

	<u>Exp. 1999</u>	<u>Exp. 2000</u>
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION		
Supervisors	\$ 390.00	\$ 750.00
Ballot Clerks	120.00	720.00
Moderator	75.00	600.00
Voting Booths	748.74	-0-
Postage	-0-	37.30
Advertising	-0-	112.00
Bulletin Board	-0-	23.38
TOTAL ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	\$ 1,333.74	\$ 2,242.68
 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Electricity (all buildings)	\$ 6,048.60	\$ 3,972.70
Heat (Town Office)	1,713.18	2,252.42
Telephone (Town Office & Cellular)	1,618.97	2,168.47
Custodian	354.06	208.00
Honeywell Alarm System (garage)	163.50	163.50
Extinguishers Plus	563.28	128.00
Dennis Lumber & Supply	113.62	150.56
Overhead Door Company	163.95	-0-
Flag Pole (small common)	59.95	-0-
Phone Line Installation	63.00	-0-
Fantastic Finishes	285.00	-0-
Miscellaneous Repairs	271.07	25.00
Gas Tank Alarm Highway Garage	-0-	1,235.87
Water Supply Town Office	-0-	174.50
Lights Town Garage	-0-	110.44
Toilet Maintenance	-0-	138.99
Locks Town Office	-0-	60.00
 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$11,418.18	\$ 10,850.70
 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION		
Auditor	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
 TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
LEGAL EXPENSE		
Mitchell & Bates - Town Counsel	\$ 2,227.46	\$ 1,766.28
TOTAL EXGAL EXPENSE	\$ 2,227.46	\$ 1,766.28
 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
FICA	\$ 9,825.80	\$11,209.55
Health Insurance	15,432.71	16,548.18
NH Retirement	3,249.30	3,789.31
Workers' Compensation	839.14	2,962.78
Unemployment Compensation	468.86	63.48
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$29,815.81	\$34,573.30
 PLANNING BOARD		
Salaries	\$ 860.00	\$ 840.00
UVLSRPC Dues	909.00	909.00
Law Books	70.00	33.50
Postage	140.28	166.88
Advertising	290.04	185.00
Seminars	79.90	45.00
Review of Subdivision Regulations UVLSRPC	-0-	2,135.00
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	\$ 2,349.22	\$ 4,164.38
 APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY		
Cole-Layer-Trumble	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 2,092.50
TOTAL APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 2,092.50
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Appropriation	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
CEMETERIES		
Salaries - Mowing & Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,880.00
Salaries - Burials	105.00	-0-
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 2,880.00
INSURANCE		
Property/Liability/Public Officials Bonds	\$14,275.00	\$14,275.00
Workers Compensation	-0-	1,500.00
TOTAL INSURANCE	\$14,275.00	\$15,775.00
CONTINGENCY	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
TOTAL CONTINGENCY	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Salaries	\$17,978.57	\$16,285.92
Training	30.00	-0-
Vehicle Maintenance	357.40	152.14
Mileage	4.16	19.20
Fuel	457.75	1,019.62
Communications	3,450.36	4,030.46
Supplies	743.30	1,606.12
Equipment	2,394.57	-0-
Equipment Maintenance	438.57	658.05
Animal Control	350.00	250.24
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$26,204.68	\$ 24,021.75
AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Marlow Ambulance Service	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation	\$21,105.00	\$23,600.00
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$21,105.00	\$23,600.00

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
RESCUE SQUAD		
Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL RESCUE SQUAD	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
BUILDING INSPECTION		
Philip Tirrell, Sr. - Inspector	\$ 1,205.40	\$ 1,200.00
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 1,205.40	\$ 1,200.00
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/FOREST FIRE		
Forest Fire	\$ 1,210.80	\$ -0-
Equipment Maintenance	171.52	-0-
Forest Fire Equipment	-0-	4,707.28
Forest Fire Uniforms	-0-	1,598.29
Gasoline	-0-	22.60
Supplies	-0-	677.73
Miscellaneous	-0-	81.50
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/FOREST FIRE	\$ 1,382.32	\$ 7,087.40*

*\$5,000 grant obtained from DRED to offset costs

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Salaries	\$81,543.83	\$77,869.84
FEMA Expense	18,033.09	-0-
Garage Supplies/Tools	9,117.16	7,500.92
Safety Equipment	229.42	940.44
Telephone	367.53	595.04
Parts and Repairs:		
Dresser Loader	2,571.85	586.58
85 Chevy One Ton	718.35	750.00
85 Chevy 4x4	850.00	1,505.00
1989 Int. 4x4 Plow Sanding Truck	8,460.06	2,088.32
1994 Int. 4x4 Plow/Dump Sanding Truck	2,912.03	551.50
2000 Mack	499.00	84.08
1994 Cat Backhoe	970.19	551.01
1976 John Deere Grader	2,918.03	2,529.88
1972 Case Tractor/Broom	868.27	-0-
Misc. Parts & Supplies	4,853.28	3,500.00

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
Mower Rental	1,475.00	1,595.00
Salt/Calcium	8,207.56	9,800.83
Gas/Oil/Diesel	5,558.21	11,457.74
Heating Fuel	297.77	1,012.00
CAT Payments	6,756.00	8,668.82
Road Signs	424.81	1,691.10
Tires/Plow Equipment	4,822.93	4,193.98
Highway Block Grant:		
Gravel/Sand Screen	4,203.40	-0-
Allen Road Reclamation	-0-	6,665.85
Culvert's/Bridges	3,518.63	5,280.60
Guard Rails	902.00	1,086.30
Hot Mix/Pavement Materials	11,972.70	13,417.80
Sealing Oil/Shim & Sealing	11,727.50	18,351.23
Hired Equipment & Rentals	7,747.50	2,357.50
Purchase Gravel	13,500.00	3,568.00
Crushing Gravel	7,800.00	7,950.00
MACK (Marquette National Bank)	-0-	24,050.67
 Total Expended to 12/31/99	 \$223,826.10	 \$220,200.03
 Budget	 200,000.00	 220,000.00
FEMA Refund	23,104.00	-0-
School Refund Grading	500.00	-0-
Cemetery Refund - Burials	405.00	250.00
Total Available Budget	224,144.00	220,250.00
 Balance Remaining	 317.90	 49.97

STREET LIGHTS

NH Electric Cooperative	\$ 540.41	\$ 490.97
 TOTAL STREET LIGHTS	 \$ 540.41	 \$ 490.97

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
SOLID WASTE		
Property Lease	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Chemical Toilet	584.00	579.00
Equipment Maintenance	3,416.16	1,527.95
Trucking:		
Jolly Farmer Products	3,500.00	-0-
Onnela Lumber	1,670.00	5,682.50
Gobin Disposal Services (trucking & container rentals)	27,054.05	24,353.65
G. Peck Construction	-0-	150.00
NH/VT Solid Waste District Payments	36,515.85	24,850.94
Attendant's Certifications	100.00	50.00
Decals (1999)	187.80	-0-
Decals (2000)	183.60	-0-
Decals	-0-	100.42
Dozer Work	210.00	-0-
Signs	107.88	-0-
Well Tests	1,998.00	-0-
Tire Disposal	2,167.05	-0-
Site Clean-Up and Preparation	-0-	2,726.95
Electricity Installation	-0-	1,325.00
Building	-0-	1,145.00
Maintenance	-0-	407.19
Gasoline & Propane	-0-	131.66
Loader	-0-	4,724.00
Hazardous Waste Disposal	-0-	251.68
Phone	-0-	80.99
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	\$78,144.39	\$68,533.53
 TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS		
Salaries	\$ 8,249.76	\$ 7,500.00
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS	\$ 8,249.76	\$ 7,500.00
 HEALTH AGENCIES		
Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Association	\$ 2,545.00	\$ 2,576.00
Employee Physicals	65.00	152.00

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
Salary - Health Officer	300.00	300.00
Choice Point	-0-	88.00
Sullivan Hospice	-0-	250.00
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 3,366.00
DIRECT ASSISTANCE		
Salary - Welfare Officer	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Assistance Rendered	3,931.50	2,942.32
TOTAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE	\$ 4,431.50	\$ 3,442.32
SULLIVAN NUTRITION		
Newport Senior Citizens Center	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL SULLIVAN NUTRITION	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PARKS & RECREATION		
Mowing	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
Long Pond Dam Registration	100.00	100.00
Long Pond Beach Sign	-0-	75.41
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 600.00	\$ 575.41
LIBRARY		
Miner Memorial Library	\$ 5,888.40	\$ 4,988.00
Librarian's Salary	2,819.60	3,512.00
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 8,708.00	\$ 8,500.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES & SPECIAL EVENTS		
Old Home Day:		
Fall Mountain Printing	\$ 128.00	\$ 78.00
Postage	120.45	128.70
C & F Chemical Toilets	120.00	65.00
Historical Society	674.00	-0-
Flag Pole for Little Common	-0-	153.50
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES & SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ 1,042.45	\$ 425.20

	<u>1999 Exp.</u>	<u>2000 Exp.</u>
PRINCIPAL/LONG TERM NOTES		
Fire Truck FHA Payment	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Truck Municipal Finances Services	-0-	14,000.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL/LONG TERM NOTES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
INTEREST/LONG TERM NOTES		
Fire Truck FHA Payment	\$ 347.00	347.00
Fire Truck Municipal Finance Services	-0-	906.38
TOTAL PRINCIPAL/LONG TERM NOTES	\$ 347.00	\$ 1,253.38
TOTAL OPERATING 1999 EXPENDITURES	\$493,666.91	\$536,043.42
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Special Articles		
Art. 4 - Highway Truck	\$ 24,050.67	
Art. 5 - Fire Truck	14,906.38	
Art. 8 - Police Cruiser	5,258.00	
Art. 9 - Police Radio	1,600.00	
Art.10- Paint Town Hall	20,000.00	
Art.14- EMC Equipment	1,214.01	
Art.15- Firefighter Compensation	2,500.00	
Art.16- Town Building Repair CR	7,000.00	
Art.17- Transfer Station CR	7,000.00	
Art.18- Landfill Closure CR	5,000.00	
Art.19- Cemetery CR	5,000.00	
Art.20- Southwestern Community Services	699.00	

1999 Exp.

2000 Exp.

2000 SPECIAL ARTICLES

Art. 5 - Town Meeting House	\$ 12,650.00
Art. 6 - Cemetery Property	15,000.00
Art. 9 - Rescue Defib.	8,000.00
Art. 10- Police Cruiser CR	2,500.00
Art. 12- Transfer Station CR	7,000.00
Art. 13- Bridge CR	5,000.00
Art. 14- Landfill Closure CR	10,000.00
Art. 16- Southwestern Community Services	699.00

TOTAL 2000 SPECIAL ARTICLES

\$ 60,849.00

OTHER PAYMENTS

Goshen Lempster Cooperative School	\$860,758.00	\$792,765.00
Treasurer, Sullivan County	127,807.00	180,218.00
Tax Liens Bought	79,533.65	66,553.92
Refunds - Overpayments	8,408.70	5,551.17
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Cemetery	320.00	-0-
NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Forest Fund	-0-	211,175.20

TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Tax Year 2000

VALUE OF LAND:

CURRENT USE LAND	\$ 845,850
RESIDENTIAL	12,781,650
COMMERCIAL	296,850

TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$13,924,350
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VALUE OF BUILDINGS:

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 25,515,600
MANUFACTURED HOMES	569,700
COMMERCIAL	2,674,900

TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$28,759,200
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TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 1,392,600
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TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$44,076,150
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EXEMPTIONS:

2 BLIND	-30,000
16 ELDERLY	-434,500

TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	-464,500
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$43,611,650
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LESS PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,392,600
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NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	\$42,219,050
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HISTORY OF TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Town	\$ 6.49	\$ 6.66	\$ 6.31	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.61
School	22.64	23.43	21.17	20.87		
Local School					10.69	14.06
State School					7.09	7.02
County	2.82	2.86	2.67	2.98	2.93	4.10
TOTAL	\$31.95	\$32.95	\$30.15	\$30.15	\$27.03	\$31.79

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ESTIMATED VALUE</u>
Town Hall/Land & Building	\$ 102,800
Furniture & Equipment	10,000
Town Office/Land & Building	74,800
Furniture & Equipment	15,000
Library/Land & Building	77,900
Furniture & Equipment	5,000
Emergency Mgnt. Vehicle Garage	23,600
Highway Garage/Land & Building	119,400
Furniture & Equipment	10,000
Highway Department Equipment	450,000
Fire Station/Land & Building	47,400
Fire Department & Rescue Equipment	350,000
Cemetery	15,900
Parks & Commons (Long Pond Beach)	48,000
Other Lands (Long Pond lots, Town forests, deeded tax property, etc.)	369,600
SUB TOTAL	\$1,719,400
School/Land & Building	1,852,200
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	\$3,571,600

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000

RECEIPTS:

Vehicle Registrations	\$ 104,784.00
Vehicle Title Applications	265.00
Municipal Agent Fees	2,936.50
Dog Licensing:	
Town License	1,527.00
State Dog License	123.00
State Dog License Vet.	490.00
Late Fees	63.00
Marriage Licenses (Town)	56.00
(State)	304.00
UCC's	767.00
Insufficient Funds Charge	100.00
Vital Statistic Fees (Town)	108.00
(State)	56.00
Filing Fees	11.00
Miscellaneous	
Civil Forfeiture	50.00
Payment of Bad Checks	94.00
Declaration Papers	2.00
Incorporation Paper	5.00
Overpayment of Registrations	630.00

TOTAL	\$ 112,371.50
Reversing Entry (Bad Checks)	94.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 112,277.50

TRANSFER STATION:

2000 Decals	\$ 2,580.00
2001 Decals	230.00
2001 Coupons	85.00
Total	\$ 2,895.00

Phyllis M. Clark
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LEMPSTER MARRIAGE REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Contois, Glen R.	Lempster, NH	Schultz, Kelly A.	Lempster, NH	Lempster	Lempster	06/03/00
Rouillard, Robert A.	Lempster, NH	Mandigo, Cindy A.	Lempster, NH	Lempster	Lempster	07/08/00
Ash, Patrick W.	Claremont, NH	Hough, Tiffany Jo	Claremont, NH	Lempster	Newbury	07/15/00
Clow, David H.	Lempster, NH	Jarvis, Darlene M.	Lempster, NH	Lempster	Newport	07/22/00
Bruno, Edward N.	Lempster, NH	Kimball, Taysa M.	Lempster, NH	Lempster	Croydon	08/12/00
Thurber, Chad E.	Newport, NH	Cook, Brenda L.	Newport, NH	Lempster	Croydon	08/26/00
Adler, Erich A.	Lempster, NH	Schlegel, Nichol L.	Burlington, CT	Lempster	Lempster	10/07/00

TOWN OF LEMPSTER BIRTH REPORT Year Ending December 31, 2000

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Lallo, Deaven Hunter	02/09/00	Claremont, NH	Lallo, Wayne	Lallo, Tammy
Rousseau, Jacob Judd	02/12/00	Claremont, NH	Rousseau, Wayne	Rousseau, Heather
Plante, Joshua Ryan	03/24/00	Claremont, NH	Plante, David	Plante, Jennifer
Langhorst, Kaley Ruth	04/04/00	Claremont, NH	Langhorst, Terry	Langhorst, Paula
Best, Dustin Joseph	04/25/00	New London, NH	Best, Shaun	Best, Irene
Hodskins, Johnathan D.	05/09/00	Claremont, NH	Hodskins, George	Hodskins, Sandra
Moore, Michael Thomas	06/22/00	Claremont, NH	Moore, Thomas	Moore, Kelley
McBroom, Megan Rene	08/10/00	New London, NH	McBroom, Claude	McBroom, Diane

TOWN OF LEMPSTER DEATH REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Newton Francese	02/26/2000	Hanover, NH	Matheson, Leslie	Parks, Ethel
Call, Will H.	03/21/2000	White River Jnc, VT	Call, Will	Pennington, Mabel
Allen, Donald M.	07/02/2000	Lempster, NH	Allen, Carl	Holley, Ruth
Quimby, Lawrence H.	07/27/2000	White River Jnc, VT	Quimby, William	Britton, Amelia
Marsh, Milton F.	09/25/2000	Lempster, NH	Marsh, Leon	Sargeant, Cora
Call, Eugene V.	10/08/2000	Lebanon, NH	Call, Will	Wood, Hazel
Remillard, Ronald F.	10/12/2000	Keene, NH	Remillard, Charles	Latimer, Edna
Clark, Almon E.	12/01/2000	New London, NH	Clark, March	Reed, Florence

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS	Levy for Year of This Report	Prior Levies 1999
Uncollected Taxes- Beginning of Year:		
Property Taxes		\$136,502.26
Land Use Change Tax		990.00
Yield Taxes		2,819.45
Supplement		10,426.06
Taxes Committed:		
Property Taxes	\$1,377,156.60	
Land Use Change	4,660.00	
Yield Taxes	17,078.93	
Excavation Tax	120.84	
Excav. Activity Tax	1,083.74	
Supplement	65,189.13	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	718.09	219.86
Land Use Change	695.00	
Int. - Late Tax	827.61	8,837.92
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,467,529.94	\$159,795.55

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

CREDITS	Levy for This Year	Prior Levies 1999
Remitted to		
Treasurer:	\$1,108,239.72	\$ 88,366.50
Land Use Change	4,490.00	990.00
Yield Taxes	14,090.73	395.97
Interest	827.61	3,304.98
Excavation Tax	1,149.89	
Conversation to Lien		66,553.92
Discounts Allowed:	5,749.36	84.18
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	76,134.26	100.00
Land Use Change	625.00	
Yield Taxes	2,891.70	
Current Levy Deeded	171.64	
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:		
Property Taxes	212,622.08	
Supplement	40,156.93	
Land Use Change	240.00	
Yield Taxes	96.50	
Excavation and Excavation Activity	44.52	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,467,529.94	\$ 159,795.55

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$ 55,213.09	\$ 29,754.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 66,553.92		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)			
Interest	1,051.28	3,780.95	8,124.53
Cost	291.00	433.50	707.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 67,896.20	\$ 59,427.54	\$ 38,585.28

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2000

	CREDITS		
	1999	1998	1997
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$ 12,993.34	\$ 15,881.44	\$ 26,865.89
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)			
Interest	1,051.28	3,780.95	8,124.53
Costs	291.00	433.50	707.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality	398.24	445.12	444.31
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	53,162.34	38,886.53	2,444.22
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 67,896.20	\$ 59,427.54	\$ 38,585.28

Respectfully submitted,
 Phyllis M. Clark
 TAX COLLECTOR

**TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING 12/31/2000**

INCOME:	Tax Collector	\$1,358,538.27
	Town Clerk	112,277.50
	Transfer Decals	2,899.00
	Dumping Fees	181.00 3,080.00
	State of NH: Hwy Block Grant	61,684.00
	Revenue Dist.	13,175.00
	Forest Fire Grant	5,000.00
	Forest Fire Training	21.46
	Rooms & Meals	23,840.03
	Refunds	4,413.34
	From Dept. Police	370.00
	Planning Board	484.04
	Trustees of Trusts	20,576.00
	Capital Reserves	13,960.62
	Twn Forest Acct. Interest	3,824.80
	Twn Forest Acct. (Repaid)	110,000.00
	Building Permits	1,162.96
	Rent Long Pond	3,153.00
	Interest on Checking Account	457.81
	Repayment of Welfare	493.30
	Misc.	928.24
	Total Income	\$1,737,440.37

DISBURSEMENTS:

Checks by Selectmen	\$1,854,033.36
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TOWN FOREST ACCOUNT

Balance 1/1/99	\$ 113,564.57
Balance 12/31/99	113,564.57
Int. Deposited in General Fund	\$ 3,824.80

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Roberts
Treasurer

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lempster

on December 31, 2000

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				Grand Total of Principal & Income
			Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning	Income During Yr	Expended During Yr	Balance End Year	
04/07/11	F. Davis	Perpetual Care	75.00		75.00	250.32	14.15	2.69	261.78	336.78
4-29-15	A. Booth	"	100.00		100.00	333.84	18.87	3.59	349.12	449.12
4-25-16	C. Booth	"	500.00		500.00	1,678.11	94.34	17.93	1,754.52	2,254.52
4-25-16	A. Honey	"	150.00		150.00	505.07	28.30	5.38	527.99	677.99
4-25-16	E. Honey	"	150.00		150.00	558.04	28.30	5.38	580.96	730.96
3-9-17	L. Hill	"	200.00		200.00	672.15	37.74	7.17	702.71	902.71
3-26-17	Wm. Thissel	"	200.00		200.00	672.07	37.74	7.17	702.63	902.63
2-14-20	H. Fund	"	300.00		300.00	1,004.48	56.60	10.76	1,050.33	1,350.33
9-12-24	M. Gee	"	75.00		75.00	250.32	14.15	2.69	261.78	336.78
6-6-25	F. Huntoon	"	100.00		100.00	327.00	18.87	3.59	342.28	442.28
3-30-33	A. Mitchell	"	200.00		200.00	666.75	37.74	7.17	697.31	897.31
12-13-33	M. Shanks	"	200.00		200.00	675.77	37.74	7.17	706.33	906.33
3-21-36	A. Hodgman	"	100.00		100.00	363.22	18.87	3.59	378.50	478.50
6-1-37	H. Bingham	"	100.00		100.00	363.22	18.87	3.59	378.50	478.50
1-3-40	C. Harris	"	125.00		125.00	409.75	23.58	4.48	428.85	553.85
3-25-40	F. Parker	"	200.00		200.00	738.02	37.74	7.17	768.58	968.58
4-18-40	L. Nichols	"	100.00		100.00	369.96	18.87	3.59	385.24	485.24
12-26-41	E. Hooper	"	100.00		100.00	366.70	18.87	3.59	381.98	481.98
3-31-43	W. Hodgman	"	100.00		100.00	366.70	18.87	3.59	381.98	481.98
3-31-43	H. Huntley	"	40.00		40.00	160.37	7.55	1.43	166.48	206.48
5-2-47	J. Cumberland	"	200.00		200.00	661.48	37.74	7.17	692.04	892.04
9-28-49	A. Bellows	"	100.00		100.00	332.89	18.87	3.59	348.17	448.17
8-28-50	J. McLaughtin	"	150.00		150.00	559.30	28.30	5.38	582.22	732.22
3-16-53	E. Cutler	"	200.00		200.00	722.75	37.74	7.17	753.31	953.31
3-16-53	F. Lovejoy	"	125.00		125.00	452.87	23.58	4.48	471.97	596.97
3-18-54	R. Schrenk	"	300.00		300.00	1,088.67	56.60	10.76	1,134.52	1,434.52
4-16-54	G. Breed Fund	"	500.00		500.00	1,843.15	94.34	17.93	1,919.56	2,419.56
6-10-55	H. Nichols	"	150.00		150.00	498.31	28.30	5.38	521.23	671.23
4-6-56	G. Richardson	"	150.00		150.00	491.71	28.30	5.38	514.63	664.63
4-20-56	C. Parker	"	300.00		300.00	993.98	56.60	10.76	1,039.83	1,339.83
3-17-58	L. H. Davis	"	100.00		100.00	319.36	18.87	3.59	334.64	434.64
3-17-58	Wm. Way	"	100.00		100.00	319.36	18.87	3.59	334.64	434.64
6-27-58	G. Evans	"	100.00		100.00	356.15	18.87	3.59	371.43	471.43
6-27-58	J. Evans	"	50.00		50.00	159.47	9.43	1.79	167.11	217.11
3-30-59	G. Leslie	"	200.00		200.00	639.06	37.74	7.17	669.62	869.62
3-30-59	L. Nichols	"	200.00		200.00	614.10	37.74	7.17	644.66	844.66
5-10-61	C. Campbell	"	100.00		100.00	303.64	18.87	3.59	318.92	418.92
9-21-62	H. Hansen	"	300.00		300.00	877.09	56.60	10.76	922.94	1,222.94
1-28-64	F. Welch	"	200.00		200.00	578.05	37.74	7.17	608.61	808.61
2-19-70	C. Abott	"	200.00		200.00	542.79	37.74	7.17	573.35	773.35
5-13-70	C. Rudenfeldt	"	200.00		200.00	279.30	18.87	3.59	294.58	394.58
3-2-72	H. Hartwell	"	100.00		100.00	279.30	18.87	3.59	294.58	394.58
3-2-72	R. Pitkins	"	150.00		150.00	418.86	28.30	5.38	441.78	591.78
12-21-73	M. Skie	"	200.00		200.00	514.45	37.74	7.17	545.01	745.01
2-18-75	Wm. Heiser	"	100.00		100.00	234.98	18.87	3.59	250.26	350.26
4-12-76	R. Champney	"	150.00		150.00	359.65	28.30	5.38	382.57	532.57
4-12-76	E. Kelso	"	200.00		200.00	479.73	37.74	7.17	510.29	710.29
3-11-86	E. Kosotsky	"	100.00		100.00	141.85	18.87	3.59	157.13	257.13
3-11-86	T. Wirkkala	"	200.00		200.00	280.50	37.74	7.17	311.06	511.06
3-8-88	H. Starkey	"	150.00		150.00	178.78	28.30	5.38	201.70	351.70
3-14-89	G. Clayton	"	300.00		300.00	323.89	56.60	10.76	369.74	669.74
8-22-90	F. Pitman	"	200.00		200.00	176.86	37.74	7.17	207.42	407.42

2-15-91	K. Ordway	"	200.00	200.00	161.37	37.74	7.17	191.93	391.93
6-7-91	A. Grotheer	"	200.00	200.00	145.43	37.74	7.17	175.99	375.99
9-22-93	D. Allen	"	275.00	325.00	142.17	61.32	11.65	191.84	516.84
11-1-93	A. Reynolds	"	300.00	300.00	162.11	56.60	10.76	207.96	507.96
2-3-94	E & R Frink	"	250.00	250.00	131.03	47.17	8.96	169.24	419.24
9-7-94	O. Golonka	"	500.00	500.00	241.50	94.34	17.93	317.91	817.91
11-9-94	C. Cragin	"	500.00	500.00	235.50	94.34	17.93	311.91	811.91
TOTAL			11,015.00	11,065.00	28,050.15	2,087.73	396.76	29,741.12	40,806.12
5-2-47	R. Beckwith	Cemetery &	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,021.63	188.64	71.85	2,138.41	3,138.41
3-18-54	J. Bean	Common	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,236.85	377.27	143.71	3,470.41	5,470.41
6-1-79	C. Allen	"	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,938.07	377.27	143.71	2,171.63	4,171.63
TOTAL			5,000.00	5,000.00	7,196.55	943.18	359.27	7,780.46	12,780.46
PRE 1896	Asa Way Fund	School	447.50	447.50	69.39	31.53	0.00	100.92	548.42
PRE 1912	Hurd Fund	"	166.66	166.66	25.84	11.74	0.00	37.58	204.24
TOTAL			614.16	614.16	95.23	43.27	0.00	138.50	752.66
Grand Total									54,339.24

11/30/83	Town History	Capital Reserve	7,308.92	7,308.92	0.00	443.70	0.00	443.70	7,752.62
11-30-83	Emerg. Mgmt.	"	2,895.21	2,895.21	0.00	175.54	0.00	175.54	3,070.75
12/29/89	Landfill Closure	"	50,449.41	60,449.41	0.00	3,062.87	0.00	3,062.87	63,512.28
12/29/89	Transfer Station	"	49,972.94	56,972.94	0.00	3,033.87	0.00	3033.87	60,006.81
12-31-92	Police Cruiser	"	202.12	2,702.12	0.00	12.49	0.00	12.49	2,714.61
12/31/93	Fire Ponds	"	3,133.59	3,133.59	0.00	190.17	0.00	190.17	3,323.76
05/11/86	G-L Cap. Improv.	"	2,988.63	788.63	0.00	82.59	0.00	82.59	871.22
04/01/98	Town Bldg. Repair	Expend. Trust	20,247.25	20,000.00	0.00	294.35	0.00	294.35	541.60
12/31/96	New Cemetery	Capital Reserve	23,483.38	15,000.00	0.00	710.92	0.00	710.92	9,194.30
01/02/97	Police Radio	"	840.20	840.20	0.00	51.14	0.00	51.14	891.34
12/19/97	Town Bridges	"	2,874.95	5,000.00	0.00	174.63	0.00	174.63	8,049.58
12/19/97	G-L SpEd	"	21,681.19	1,681.19	0.00	346.61	0.00	346.61	2,027.80
12/19/97	Roadsign Maint.	"	310.84	310.84	0.00	18.82	0.00	18.82	329.66
01/14/00	G-L Boiler	"	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	172.68	0.00	172.68	0.00
01/14/00	G-L Boiler	"	0.00	10,172.68	0.00	62.76	0.00	62.76	787.44
01/14/00	G-L Gym Floor	"	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	172.68	0.00	172.68	10,172.68
TOTALS			186,388.63	49,672.68	71,648.00	153,688.63	0.00	8,597.70	162,126.23
05/17/96	Gen. Cem. Main,	Cemetery Care	1,789.23	500.00	2,289.23	129.07	0.00	129.07	2,418.30

The trust funds have been invested in the NHPDIP with an avg. yield of 6.37% and some of it in a money market at 2.74%.

The Capital Reserves with the exception of the gym floor have been invested in NHPDIP at 6.37%.

The G-L Boiler CR was first invested in a 7 month CD at 6.12% and then invested in NHPDIP at 6.37%.

The G-L Gym Floor CR was invested in a 7 month CD at 6.12% and then reinvested in a 14 month CD at 6.75%.

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Lempster										on December 31, 2000	
No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Expended During Year	Balance End Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year	
		Balance Beginning Year	Additions	Gains or (Losses) from Sales	Balance End Year	Income During Year					
#1	Lake Sunapee Savings Bank Acct No. 8-28-001581-0 Interest Checking @ 2.74%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.29	756.00	1,910.48	1,910.48		
#2	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 10) Cemetery & Common Interest Annual Avg. 6.37%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,938.24	0.00	33,864.73	33,864.73		
#3	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 16) Way & Hurd School Fund Annual Avg. 6.37%	614.16	0.00	0.00	614.16	43.27	0.00	138.50	752.66		
#4	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 17) Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Annual Avg. 6.37%	11,015.00	50.00	0.00	11,065.00	702.26	0.00	1,204.97	12,269.97		
#5	New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (Acc't 15) Cemetery & Common Annual Avg. 6.37%	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	317.12	0.00	541.40	5,541.40		
Total Beginning Year		16,629.16			16,679.16		End of Year		54,339.24		

2000 AUDIT

A Word From the Board of Selectmen

Under Article 7 of the 2000 Town Meeting the Town voted to hire an auditing firm to do an official audit of the Town books. We believe that this would be a good practice to do this every 5 years. We have been fortunate to have fine and outstanding citizens perform our audits for the past several years but realize that in the name of fiscal responsibility, it would be in the Town's best interest to have an official CPA audit occasionally.

Therefore, in accordance with Article 7, the Selectmen have contracted with the firm of Plodzik and Sanderson of Concord, NH to perform the town's 2000 audit. This firm comes highly recommended and performs audits for many of our surrounding communities. Because we are a new customer to the firm and to save the Town additional monies, the Selectmen have agreed to have the audit performed in the month of April of 2001. Because of this late date, no information can be reported or printed in this annual report. However, once the audit is complete, the Selectmen will make it available to each and every resident of the town by a printing and an announcement that it is available at the Town Office.

The Selectmen apologize for the lack of a report in this 2000 edition of the Town Report.

Harrison E. Stover, Chairman
Frederic W. Bard
Mary E. Grenier
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**THE 2000 TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED IN
MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING CITIZENS
WHO SERVED THE COMMUNITY**



FRANCESE NEWTON

Francese Newton lived nestled on a hill side home on School Road in Lempster with her husband Charles "Bud" and children Michael, Gayle and Paul. Everyone knew her as the nice woman who volunteered her time to man one of the fire phones in Town. In those days before the existence of dispatch service, Francese was one of those whose responsibility it was to call all of the volunteer firemen to respond to fires. What a stressful service to her community that must have been, hoping to be able to contact as many of the volunteers she could in order to save a home. Francese was also known for her work at the Goshen-Lempster School. In the earlier days of the school, she was not only head cook but a custodian and clerk for the School Board as well. Francese was also a reliable and capable bus driver, driving the bus for the Goshen-Lempster School system for many years. Another "stressful" responsibility and service to her community. As one resident put it, she could drive that bus anywhere - even in the most inclement weather - up one hill and down the other. Francese passed away in February of 2000, leaving a wonderful family and the remembrance of her years of service to the community.

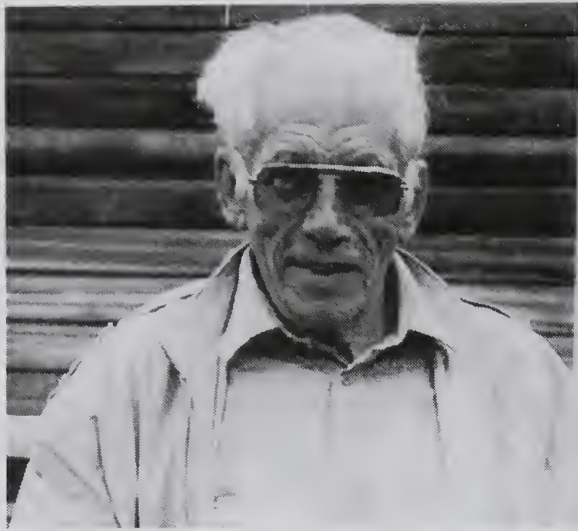
DONALD ALLEN

Don Allen took upon the task of being Town Auditor in 1991 at the request of Selectman Henry Frank. Don accepted and began with exuberance and plenty of helpful ideas. He worked diligently that first year and found it was not so easy. He not only had to figure out how the town managed its funds but had to put up with the office employees. After Don's first year as Auditor, he wondered why things were still being written by hand, such as checks, ledger books, etc. He introduced us to the world of computers and set up the system we still use to do accounting. Well, after 8 years of having Don auditing our books we began to rely on him and called him on numerous occasions during the year for help. He was always helpful, kind, considerate and caring and kept forever in his mind the best way to handle the financial affairs of the town. The passing of Don in the summer of 2000 left us not only feeling a personal loss of friendship but a loss of dependency for someone to help us solve our problems and answer our questions. We miss him.



ALMON CLARK

It was with deep regret that the Lempster Fire Department announced in December of 2000 the passing of past Fire Chief Almon Clark. Al Clark lived for many years on Lempster Street. He joined the Lempster Fire Department in 1946 and was elected Chief in 1958. He held that office until 1967 when he relocated to another town. He was on the department during the years where there was little protective clothing and less equipment. However, he was one of those who loved the profession. Al Clark returned to live in Lempster in 1976 where he was again a great help to the Fire Department by keeping the Fire Station plowed out. He will be greatly missed.



MILTON F. MARSH

In 1986 Milton and Carol Marsh decided to build their retirement home "in the hills of New Hampshire" and they picked the largest hill they could find in Lempster - Lempster Mountain. It was very fortunate for the Town that the Marsh's chose Lempster to make their home because Milton became an important part of the community. Milton was a wonderful, sincere gentleman who gave of himself freely to not only his community but to the Lempster Methodist Church as well. He spent many hours volunteering his time to the Town as a member of the Conservation Commission from 1988 until his passing in the fall of 2000. Milton was one of the leaders in the rejuvenation of the Duck Pond Trail and he was always present and working diligently on the Conservation Commission's road side clean up days. He was also very generous in assisting the Lempster Fire Department and Rescue Squad in anyway he possibly could. The community of Lempster will miss him.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR 2000

Kim Antoniewicz	418 Lovejoy Road	Shed	\$11.92
Dan Morse	49 Dow Drive	Deck	\$17.28
Gerald Green	98 Grandview Road	Shed	\$49.00
Celeste Terwilliger	Fifield Drive	Log Cabin	\$31.40
Marco Gagnon	Jolly Roger Road	Storage Trailer	\$20.80
Linda Collins	58 Manor Road	Shed	\$11.60
Larry Grimard	332 Long Pond Road	Shed	\$11.92
Donald Jeffrey	11 Blue Heron Drive	Deck	\$10.00
Tom Moore	111 School Road	Ranch House	\$56.36
George Adams	23 Blueberry Lane	Pole Barn	\$20.70
George Nash	313 Mountain Road	Mobile Home	\$43.48
Anthony Berardi	Sand Pond Road	Camper (temp.)	\$25.00
Kevin Onnela	Nichols Road	Garage	\$50.60
George Granger	Lempster Street	Garage	\$36.20
Laura Brookens	Keyes Hollow Road	Cabin	\$30.66
Darryl Waterman	104 Charlestown Trnpg	Pool	\$25.00
Warren Swage	110 South Road	Addition	\$28.84
John Burrows	Trout Lane	Porch	\$25.00
Barry Hunter	291 Grandview Road	Garage	\$32.28
Michael Audette	11 Deer Hill Lane	Addition	\$27.20
Bruce Farnum	482 Lovejoy Road	Addition	\$10.00
Jack Nudd	West Shore Road	Storage	\$13.92
Alan Rauscher	24 Cutler Road	Shed	\$11.92
Della Fulton	31 Brown Road	Addition	\$30.76
Art Fines	3 Splake Drive	Addition	\$30.76
Elton Beard	17 Trout Lane	Shed	\$13.36
Fred Cowdrey	522 Lempster Street	Addition	\$10.00
James Leslie	81 Mountain View Drive	Mobile Home	\$18.40
Emily Fairweather	484 Dodge Hollow Rd.	Addition	\$10.00
Gary Caron	119 School Road	Ranch Home	\$48.04
Edward Ayres	130 Maplewood Ave.	Ranch Home	\$54.84
Isadore Holdings	Dero Road	Log Cabin	\$37.80
RAW Investments	Orchard Drive	Ranch Home	\$55.24
Leon Gauger	24 Lempster Street	Sheds	\$14.48
Robert Shaw	5 Dero Road	Addition	\$13.84
Tanya Braga	Lovejoy Road	Mobile Home	\$42.24
Leonard Gagne	91 Olds Road	Storage Trailer	\$25.00
G. Michael Padova	Route 10	Ranch Home	\$52.72
Howard Caron	1612 Route 10	Mobile Home	\$39.40
Marco Gagnon	Route 10	Home	\$65.00

Philip J. Tirrell, Sr.
Building Inspector

LEMPSTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2000

The winter of 2000 began with numerous snow/ice storms requiring constant road maintenance, and ended the same. The 2000 Mack 10-wheel, plow, dump, sand truck has proved itself to be an asset in our every day work in maintaining and keeping the roads cleared. During the winter season approximately 300 tons of salt, and 4,000 yards of sand were used, along with any necessary equipment and truck repairs, and general road repairs made for a very busy winter season.

In the Spring of 2000, for public safety, steel guardrails were constructed along sections of Lempster Mt. road and Dodge Hollow Road where there had not been any before. Summer maintenance projects included road grading, ditching, replacing culverts and applying 4,500 yards of crushed gravel to various areas in need of attention. The Allen Road, a black top road, being in poor condition created from a distressed subbase and inadequate drainage has become a gravel road. Considering the high cost of paving, the Highway Department recommended to the selectmen that the road be "reclaimed" before paving the road again. This process consisted of grinding the tar surface under to a depth of approximately 12", this material then became part of the road base. After adding 3,000 yards of crush gravel to that material, a much more stable road base has been created. Ditches and underdrains were repaired and replaced on Allen road as needed.

As per the vote at the March 2000 town meeting, the town Highway Department is now responsible for the maintenance of Blue Herron Drive off from Long Pond Road. This road has been added to the departments maintenance mileage without having any additional funds appropriated. A considerable amount of time and money had to be spent to make this road acceptable for fire, police, rescue, and highway departments equipment.

Part of the paved road maintenance program included the following roads; a section of Lovejoy, Crescent Lake, Upper and Lower Dodge Hollow Roads received shimming and sealing. This is the most cost effective program, to keep up the paved roads, but we are not able to keep up with the rate of pavement failure due to our limited amount of funds. The gravel roads of Keyes Hollow Road and Hurd Pond Road received top dressing with crushed gravel, other smaller sections of roads roads were done as well. Cleaning ditches removing protruding banks and debris along road sides were all part of the general summer road maintenance. During September the Highway Department went from a three man crew to a two man crew.

Every year there are a few unexpected requests requiring Highway Department labor and equipment, such as a request of the selectmen for Highway Department personnel to create improved loading ramps and a better traffic flow at the transfer station. The department also responded to the request by selectmen to create some type of drainage at the Town Hall Meeting House and to smooth the paved surface broken up by the painting contractors equipment. As a temporary fix for the damage, the

**LEMPSTER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
2000**

decision was made by the selectmen to have the damaged tarred surface ground (reclaimed) at the same time the Allen Road was being reclaimed.

In October roadside mowers were used to continue the plan of keeping roadsides mowed to provide better visibility and open ditches, creating room for snow removal. Due to the relatively mild weather in November we were able to use a hi-arm mower to access the higher limbs extending into the roadway hitting the roofs of school buses and delivery trucks. Both pieces of equipment used for these jobs were rented from Owen's Rentals of Claremont.

In December along with keeping up general winter maintenance the department was able to use the sand / gravel screen built by department personnel to screen gravel for upcoming summer projects in 2001, this screening system is working very well in meeting our needs for screened winter sand and screened gravel for road projects.

Department personnel attended safety and road maintenance classes sponsored by the town's insurer; NH Municipal Association, Worker Compensation Funds and the University of NH. Educating personnel on current safety guidelines and the latest technologies available.

I would like to thank area businesses and contractors that we have depended on over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Howard

Road Agent



Allen Road, 1917, looking east toward the Grange Hall/Meeting House



Allen Road Reclamation Project, 2000

2000 Report of the Lempster Fire Chief

The fire department was excited to have 9 members accepted at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This institution provides emergency training to all of the fire departments in the United States and to members from around the world. It provides fire service training at a no cost benefit to those persons that are accepted. The instructors are the best and brightest in the world. They bring new ideas and technology to all aspects of the emergency services. Our fire department has benefited greatly by having members attend classes at this fine institution.

Our new tanker truck was delivered in April. This International chassis tanker has an all plastic body and tank. All the hardware is stainless steel and with this combination, life expectancy of the truck increases. We should not be plagued by the corrosion and rust that is typical of bodies and tanks made of steel. The reduced weight of the body and tank allow for an increased amount of equipment and water to be carried on board.

We sponsored a Commercial Drivers License course, that allowed our firefighters to not only become proficient in the operation of large vehicles, but also be tested by the State of NH and licensed as Commercial operators.

The Lempster Fire Department is currently an all-voluntary organization. The town reimburses the members for mileage used while responding to emergencies, training and meetings. This year we reimbursed members at the rate of 15 cents a mile. The Firefighters and EMS personnel receive no other pay for their work.

Our town of Lempster has been very fortunate to have people who give their time and in many cases spend their money to make our fire department possible. The time is upon us where that form of fire department may no longer be possible. The lack of volunteerism throughout the country has unfortunately caught up with us. Our pool of volunteers has virtually dried up. We have not taken on any new firefighters and frankly the ones that we have are slowly leaving us due to other more important commitments. I have spent countless hours trying to figure out the solution to a problem that is not mine alone. The nations fire service and ours is no longer able to function on a totally volunteer basis. I would like to make the following proposal, with my departments blessing and vote.

We would ask that the towns people support an article on the town warrant for the amount of \$23,400.00 to fund part time Firefighter/EMS personnel Monday through Friday during the day. We would like to cover 9 hours a day with a person/persons at the station that would be able to immediately respond a fire truck or the rescue truck to any needed emergency. These part time employees would be responsible for getting the initial apparatus to an emergency scene, relying on the volunteers and mutual aid personnel, who have to respond from work, to be the backup. This would guarantee a timely response to any incident.

As your Fire Chief I feel a very strong sense of commitment to provide Fire and EMS service to this town at all times. I cannot be in town all the time because I have to work out of town just like the rest of the fire department members. I cannot, in good faith, tell you that my department will respond to your emergency on any given day.

I would guess if we had volunteer road crews we could save a lot of money on taxes, but there would be no way of telling if the roads would be plowed on any particular storm day. When we had a volunteer Chief of Police and police officers did it for the

excitement, we saved some tax money, but you had no one that you could rely on to respond to police emergencies or represent the town at court. I remember when the Selectman did all the bookkeeping, letter writing, bill paying, and many other tasks that are now handled efficiently Monday through Friday by our Administrative Assistant. Times change and the time is right for Lempster to fund this project for Fire and EMS coverage.

The amount requested is for part time Firefighter/EMS personnel to cover the critical hours during the day when our volunteers are at work and out of town. The cost to an average homeowner would be less than 11 cents a day. The savings could be your loved one or your home.

It seems as if it was only yesterday that I was writing last years report. The first year of the new millennium has already passed. I look forward to the changes and improvements that will be made in this new century. I would be amiss not to mention the extreme gratitude I have towards the members of our fire department. They have given so much to make the Lempster Fire Department into an organization that you can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Tirrell, Sr.
Fire Chief



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOREST FIRE REPORT 2000

The year 2000 was an unusual year. First I had a \$5,000 forest fire equipment grant from Emergency Management because of the ice storm on Lempster Mountain. This had to be matched by the town at \$1,200 which was done at Town Meeting. We now have personal protective equipment for our forest fire fighting force as well as some of the needed equipment. The ice storm had left a lot of down wood on the mountain that is now dry and ready to burn. The wood is so thick that walking through the woods is impossible. The "widow maker" branches still hang from many trees waiting for someone to walk under them.

Secondly and very fortunately the weather this year has been very wet. Because of this brush fires have been very easy to control. If this upcoming year is very dry we could be in for a very bad year!

As the State forest fire report notes outdoor fires require a permit. This year as of December 26, 2000 I have written permits as follows:

- 157 brush fire
- 28 seasonal cooking fires
- 8 one time use cooking fires
- 5 seasonal incinerator
- 1 seasonal commercial brush pile (town transfer station)

James Richards
Town Forest Fire Warden

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

2000 LEMPSTER RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

The Lempster Rescue Squad responded to 57 calls in year 2000. Treating a total of 75 patients. The breakdown is as follows:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	18
Medical Emergencies	14
Difficulty Breathing	4
Fractures/Lacerations/Puncture Wounds	4
Public Assists	4
Head Trauma	3
Falls	2
Stroke	2
Allergic Reaction	1
Uncontrolled Bleeding	1
Gun Shot	1
Life Line	1
Seizure	1
Assist Fire At Structure Fire	1

 Show me a person who spends endless hours in training without pay,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person where a cry for help brings split-second dispatch,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person who is devastated when lives are lost or maimed,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person who is graciously welcomed as a next-door neighbor,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person who takes ridicule more than compliments,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person whose car is garaged with the grille facing out,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person who sacrifices home life, TV....even tender moments,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

 Show me a person visibly moved at the strains of our National Anthem,
 And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who may be asked to give more than just dedication,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.
Show me a person who is asked to give more...and more...and more,
And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Author Unknown

I would like to say "Thank You" to the members of the Lempster Rescue Squad for their time, energy and support.....I truly appreciate each and everyone of you. A special "Thank You" to the Long Pond Association, and the Town's people of Lempster for their continued support.

Barbara Chadwick
Rescue Director

2000 POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I was privileged to be appointed Chief of Police in August 2000. I had worked with both Chief Danny Morse and Chief Tom Moore in the past. They both gave professional police services to the community and I continue to have the greatest respect for both men. Upon my appointment there were some daunting tasks that required attention. These issues were dealt with and were eventually resolved. A major component in resolving these issues was the work of Corporal Jason LeMere of the Lempster Police Department. He graduated the part time police academy last fall and he has proven himself to be an intelligent and resourceful police officer. Corporal LeMere did very well at the academy and he possesses a strong commitment to the ideals of law enforcement. Officer Kainen Flynn left the Department his past summer when he moved from the area. Kainen did a commendable job as a police officer and his future in law enforcement is a bright one.

The budget as proposed will serve to increase the Lempster police presence in the community. The budget also reflects an increase in dispatch fees as charged by the Newport Police Department. These fees will continue to rise in the next budget year. Also contained in the budget is half the amount for a new digital cruiser radio and portable. These radios are being equipped in police cruisers statewide and the vast majority of funding for these radios is through a federal grant obtained at the State level. Communications will be vastly enhanced by the acquisition of the digital radios. We obtained a laptop computer at no charge to the community. These were provided through the auspices of the State to all police departments to assist with accident reporting. We also use this computer for all police reports that our officers complete.

I would like to conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their assistance. They truly are remarkable individuals who are committed to their community. My thanks also to Darlene Morse and Phyllis Clark who were always there to answer my questions and offer advice. I have met a number of Lempster residents who have been gracious and helpful.

Nicholas P. Picerno
Chief

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 2000

The Conservation Commission sent two children to Conservation Camp. Seth Roberts and Brittany Murray.

Five beavers were trapped in Duck Pond.

Blow downs have been removed from Duck Pond Trail and the trail has been maintained.

There was an intent to excavate gravel and a number of intents to cut lumber.

We looked into the water pollution on Lempster Street.

We also joined Adopt a Highway Program. The road that we adopted is the road from Route 10 to Lempster Street. This road will be cleaned by the Conservation Commission.

We donated money to the Kid's 'n Motion Program.

Milton Marsh retired from the Conservation Commission. He received a certificate of appreciation for his work.

Carol Stamatakis also received a certificate in appreciation for the work she has done.

Tami Geuser was accepted as a member of the Conservation Commission.

The commission attended a meeting at the Acworth Town Hall in July on Wetlands laws.

The commission also attended many seminars on conservation.

Lempster roads were cleaned up by the commission on clean-up day.

Maddy Ferland
Secretary



CEMETERY TRUSTEE REPORT

At last years Town Meeting, Lempster residents approved the purchase of 5 acres of land from Gary and Virginia Cloutier for cemetery expansion. This property lies at the southern end of our present cemetery and will be connected to it by landscaping, including an access road. There will also be an access road from Route 10, protected by fencing and a gate.

The new cemetery land has a 500 foot border with Dodge Pond and 100 foot border with our present cemetery. The approximate acre suitable for grave sites will be adjacent to both the present cemetery and the Pond, with a buffer area on the pond edge designated as wetlands. Planning has started on clearing and leveling, the work to begin this year.

Flags were placed on 91 veterans graves for Memorial Day, as well as flowers and flags for the 2 Veteran Monuments, one across from the Library, the other on the Lempster Street Common. The latter, which was struck by a car and tipped over, will be repaired by the town when the weather is suitable.

Cemetery Trustees

Yorick Hurd
John Terrell
David Diehl



2000 MINER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT

The Miner Memorial Library is thriving! The library added 326 new books (154 fiction, 99 nonfiction, 44 children's and 24 young adult) and 64 new videos to its collection. Some of the books and videos were gifts for which the library is very grateful. The library also received a new computer, courtesy of Trustees and Friends, and new shelves, courtesy of Nick Scalera. Thanks to those folks for their contributions and support.

Thirty new library cards were issued to Lempster residents in the year 2000. Hopefully this growing patronage is a sign that the library is becoming an increasingly important resource for townspeople. On a personal note, I would like to express my appreciation to the Town of Lempster for the warm welcome given to me as a new librarian. I never imagined that I would love this job so much. Being the Lempster librarian has enriched my life by giving me new friendships and stronger community ties.

Susan Fratus
Librarian

2000 PLANNING BOARD REPORT

In August, Francis Burke's resignation as an alternate was accepted with regret. Rex Baker has taken a leave of absence as an alternate.

In April, the Board approved the Kevin and Deborah Onnela 2 lot subdivision on Nichols Road. In October, the Board approved the Jerry and Annie Padova 2 lot subdivision on Route 10, as well as the Avery, Sweeney and Martin 2 lot subdivision on School Road. In October, the Board also gave preliminary approval for a 2 lot subdivision of property of Michael and Donna Newton on School Road. The plat was finally signed by the Chairman and Secretary in December.

Voluntary mergers were signed for James Moreau, Juniper Drive, in April, and for Kevin and Deborah Onnela, Mountain Road and Nichols Road in September.

The Board has worked all year on the rewriting of the Subdivision Regulations with the help of Ken McWilliams of the UVLSRPC. This rewriting is nearly complete and should be finalized by May of 2001. By this revision the Regulations will be more understandable and will be updated with the State RSA's.

The Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the town office. All are invited to attend.

R. Mark Adams
Chairman

2000 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - OLD HOME DAY REPORT

The Lempster Historical Society sponsored the 101st Old Home Day for the year Y2K. Overall everyone was pleased with the results. This year we had events for the public to attend on August 11 to 13.

On Friday afternoon we had a delightful tour of Alan Ruth's gardens. We agreed that its reputation as an attraction for garden lovers from near and far was well deserved. In the evening at the Meeting House, sometimes called the Town Hall, Grange Hall, or Union Hall, 16 mm movies were shown to see what Lempster's Old Home Days were like in some past years.

On Saturday morning and in the evening there was an Historical Display prepared by Emily Fairweather in the Meeting House with her helpers. At noon Gilbert Pinkney with his Odd Fellows from Marlow served their traditional chicken barbecue lunch followed by a few remarks and memories by visitors and towns people in the hall. At 2:30 PM there was a tour of Lempster's Indian Cave. It makes one wonder how the Indians survived in this land without what we now call necessities. In the evening Jim Morone M.C.'d a program that filled the hall with an enthusiastic audience with a program made up of local talent. The start was a large screen TV video, NH Crossroads "Lempster" followed by music provided by Eric Walker and friends. Larry and Sheila Drew presented "To Succeed We Secede" the story of West Lempster's rise and fall. Refreshments and a fashion show were provided and presented by Lempster's Country Clovers. The final act was given by Jeri Rudenfelt and her choir singing "In the Good Ol' Summer Time", etc.

On Sunday morning after church service, including all the Boy Scouts from Camp Kirkham and an Open House at the Miner Memorial Library, refreshments were served by Friends of the Library. Then all were invited to Open House at Camp Kirkham and a very tasty lunch.

The Historical Society meets several times during the year and has other projects such as the "Owl" which for now is free. You may get one at the Town Office, Library, Transfer Station, or by contacting members of the Historical Society, Everett Thurber, President, David Diehl, Secretary, Emily Fairweather, Treasurer, Eric Walker and Deborah Stone of the "Owl" about our meetings which are sometimes in the Library or the Meeting House depending on the weather.

Respectfully submitted for the Historical Society,

Yorick Hurd



Norman Witham, Yorick Hurd, Werner Rudeneldt, Edward Bailey and Jeri Rudeneldt

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission 2000 Annual Report

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit voluntary association of 27 communities in New Hampshire and 3 in Vermont, and has been serving the region since 1963. The principal focus of the Commission's efforts is with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic development, environmental protection, and social growth in the region. We function as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, we work to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies and projects are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community. Examples of these include the Regional Transportation Plan, the household hazardous waste collections, and ongoing water resource protection planning activities in the Mascoma River, Sugar River, Lake Sunapee, and Cold River watersheds. All NH communities were offered guidance with a program for lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners, and assistance compiling information on proposed conservation projects in preparation for application to the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As a foundation for the region's community and economic development activities, we began work this year on building a computerized database containing locations and other key information on major employers, childcare providers, and assisted housing, as well as general demographic information for each community.

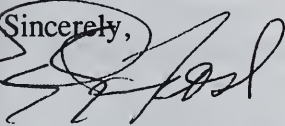
In 2000, examples of our work specifically for the Town of Lempster included:

- * Began work on an economic development plan for the Claremont job center to improve the area's business environment by leveraging existing assets and opportunities to address current problems and needs and foster economic growth that will be beneficial to the residents of the region.
- * Began assisting the Planning Board with rewriting and updating the Subdivision Regulations.
- * Obtained grant funding to assist with development of water resource management plan for watershed to Cold River and Crescent Lake.
- * Provide technical and administrative assistance to support the work of the Cold River Local Advisory Committee.
- * Met with Planning Board to discuss watershed issues including methods for minimizing the impacts of land uses on water quality.

* Provided map of stratified-drift aquifers.

As state agencies and legislatures have recognized the ongoing importance of regional planning, we have received support from New Hampshire and Vermont, both to conduct specific tasks and, more importantly, to be available as a resource for our member communities. We have also enjoyed a close working relationship with the Grafton County Economic Development Council, the Sullivan County Economic Development Council, and the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, and we anticipate a continued productive partnership.

Our Commission appreciates Lempster’s participation and support, and we look forward to serving your community in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Benjamin D. Frost
Executive Director

Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and affiliates

It seems that everywhere we look we see or read something about technology and its impact on our lives. Increasingly we communicate, shop, investigate and learn online. During the past year, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association has invested resources and time to educate staff so that we can use technology to its best advantage in caring for patients in their homes. Since so much of what we do involves the healing touch you might wonder why we would invest so heavily in technology. Our mission at Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association is to provide home health services that will preserve the dignity and independence of those for whom we provide care. Technology is one tool that supports that mission.

Over the past year, we have spent a great deal of time preparing for a change in Medicare reimbursement going from a cost-reimburse system to a prospective payment system (PPS). This is the first major change to Medicare since it was initiated in 1965. Under PPS each patient must receive a comprehensive assessment called OASIS, a questionnaire involving over 100 questions about the patient's clinical status, functional status and need for therapy. From those questions, a payment for an episode of care lasting up to 60 days is determined. One of our major concerns was to ensure that we provided technology that would allow the nurses and therapists to collect this information, but have the time needed to actually provide *care* to the patient. Over the summer, all clinicians have been trained and received laptop computers. This allows the staff access to the most up to date information on each patient and allows administration to have the data necessary for regulatory and reporting purposes.

We have also invested in state of the art technology or contracted with other providers to bring the latest in clinical advances to your home. As patients leave the hospital more quickly or have operative procedures done on an outpatient basis, more technology is needed in the home. This technology enhances patient care, improves efficiency and lowers costs. Technology can allow a terminally ill child to be at home with his family or can allow an adult needing intravenous therapy to continue going to work.



During the past year we have also invested in training and in competency assessment for our staff to ensure that their assessment and treatment skills are of the highest quality to meet patient needs. We have specialists on staff in the areas of cardiology, wound care, diabetes, pediatrics and hospice. All of our clinical staff and the support staff back at the office are committed to achieving the best outcome for each and every patient we see. We are gratified by the strong community support we receive and by the comments on our care submitted by patients and families.

In fulfilling its mission, Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association provided a number of community benefits for residents of Merrimack and Sullivan counties in addition to charity care in excess of \$75,000.

Administered the Lifeline Personal Response System for 208 individuals

- Provided weekly Parent Child Support Group sessions for 40 families, including free child care and transportation, if needed
- Presented community education programs on CPR, first aid, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Caregiver Training and others
- Trained 10 new Hospice Volunteers and provided continuing education for 16 established volunteers
- Participated in community health fairs
- Provided clinical experiences for 12 nursing students and special project sites and internships for nursing, business and social work students
- Provided meeting room space for outside groups
- Distributed weather emergency information and File of Life kits to each patient admitted to LSRVNA services
- Provided medication assistance and preventive dental care for needy children
- Provided storage space and distributed food for the Kearsarge Food Pantry
- Offered job shadowing opportunities for students from local high schools, technical schools, colleges and universities
- Participated on the Merrimack and Sullivan County ServiceLink advisory boards
- Provided vaccines free or at cost to adults in the community
- Promoted early reading by providing a children's book to each child delivered at New London Hospital
- Provided bereavement support groups and home visits

During the past year 58 residents of the town of Lempster utilized the services of Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association. Our Home Care program provided 560 visits to 17 patients. The Hospice program cared for 3 patients and families providing 98 visits and 15 hours of volunteer and bereavement support. Our Pediatric programs provided care to 8 children and families. The Long-term Care program provided 210 hours of care for 2 patients. Influenza vaccine was administered to 25 residents and Life Line services for 3 residents.

All of us at Lake Sunapee Region VNA thank you for your support, and look forward to providing home health, hospice and community services for the residents of Lempster in the coming year.

Andrea Steel
President and CEO

SULLIVAN COUNTY NUTRITION SERVICES

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RODNEY WALKER

Executive Director

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December 18, 2000

Board of Selectmen
Town of Lempster
P.O. Box 33
Lempster, NH 03605

Dear Members of the Board,

May we again request that you continue to support the Sullivan County Nutrition Services Meals-On-Wheels Program.

We respectfully ask you to include an item in your 2001 budget for \$500 to help support the Nutrition Program.

Listed below are the services provided by Sullivan County Nutrition Services to the people of Lempster during the year 2000:

- ❖ Home Delivered Meals
- ❖ Congregate Meals
- ❖ Outreach
- ❖ Safety Checks
- ❖ Commodity Supplemental Food Program

We wish to thank you for your assistance and concern for the elderly citizens of Lempster.

Sincerely,



Rodney Walker

Executive Director

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MEALS-ON-WHEELS • CONGREGATE MEALS • SOCIAL SERVICES OUTREACH
SENIOR COMPANIONS • INSURANCE COUNSELING



CITY/TOWN REPORT - 2000

** Economic Impact:	\$156,922.50
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* Direct Assistance to Residents:	\$62,769.00
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1% of Direct Assistance:	\$627.69
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Total Number of Households Served:	47
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Total Number of Residents Served:	147
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Average Benefit per Household:	\$1,335.51
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Average Benefit per Resident:	\$427.00
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* Property Taxes and Payroll are NOT included in the Direct Assistance or Economic Impact totals.

** Economic Impact is calculated by multiplying the Direct Assistance by 2.5

SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION

SNOWFALL FOR LEMPSTER AREA

1977-1978	114.5"	1990-1991	46.5"
1978-1979	88.5"	1991-1992	35.25"
1979-1980	30.5"	1992-1993 (45.7 in March)	101.4"
1980-1981	57.5"	1993-1994	97.0"
1981-1982	115.5"	1994-1995	32.0"
1982-1983	50.5"	1995-1996	134.0"
1983-1984	84.5"	1996-1997	99.5"
1984-1985	53.5"	1997-1998	66.0"
1985-1986	60.0"	1998-1999	46.75"
1986-1987	103.5"	1999-2000	51.5"
1987-1988 (47.5 in March)	84.5"		
1988-1989	38.5"		
1989-1990	78.5"		

Information collected from the Marlow Cafe and provided by Robert DeAnne.



Private Well Users!

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well?

The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

Arsenic

Bacteria

Fluoride

Nitrate

Radium

Radon

Sodium

Uranium

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)



Where can I learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services' web site at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

Information provided by Lynn Lagasse, Health Officer

MY OLD LEMPSTER HOME

I

Around my childhood home sweet memories incline,
Entwining in my heart those sacred ties that bind;
And, sweeping back across the years like ocean foam,
Come recollections of my dear old Lempster home.

II

O! Happy years that drifted past like summer days!
O boundless joys of boyhood's carefree, guileless ways!
Down shaded paths of youth, those rugged hills I roam
In spirit, dwelling in my dear old Lempster home.

III

To be a boy again, and sit on Mother's knee
And listen to the story she is telling me
Before she says "Goodnight" and leaves me there alone
Beneath the rafters of my Lempster Mountain home.

IV

O let me lie in that hard bed and hear the rain
Once more come tapping gently on the tiny pane;
And let the sighing night wind to my ears intone
The music of my childhood's Lempster Mountain home.

V

And could I walk again with my father by my side
Far down that mountain road, with his kind hand to guide,
And linger by the pond, to play along the shore
And watch the swallows as I did in days of yore.

VI

What would I give to romp down Lempster's little street,
The Autumn leaves beneath my merry, dancing feet;
To play the games of childhood with the other boys
And drink again their cup of never-ending joys.

VII

Alas! Those boys that were, are grey-haired, sober men
With halting steps, approaching three-score years and ten;
And some are sleeping in the church yard by the pond
Their spirits now united in the Great Beyond.

VIII

A tear is in my eye, and will not soon depart,
And in life's dark'ning twilight deep within my heart
Is locked, and locked forever, with a golden key,
My dear old Lempster home's sweet memory.

Written by Elwin J. Roundy
In the early 1920's





Left: Church & School House, Lempster Street, 1901

Center: First electric pole set on Lempster Street, 1935

Bottom: David Diehl & Emily Fairweather enjoying skiing, 1940



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*ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GOSHEN-LEMPSTER COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT*



*FOR THE YEAR
2000*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL
DISTRICT

2000

Lisa Durgin (fill in)	Term expires 2001
John Hopkins	Term expires 2002
John Terrell	Term expires 2003
Marianne Dennis, Chairperson	Term expires 2004
Erik Walker, Vice Chairperson	Term expires 2005

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #71 PERSONNEL

Dr. John Handfield	Superintendent of Schools
Lori Wilcox	Administrative Assistant

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Shklar	Moderator
Kim Heath	Clerk
Debra Dustin	Treasurer

Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District Personnel
2000 - 2001

NAME	POSITION	COLLEGE	DEGREE	YEARS IN TEACHING	YEARS AT GOSHEN LEMPSTER
John Bonfiglio	Principal/Advanced Math	University of MA	Med.	26	26
Patricia Bechok	EH Coordinator	Rhode Island College	MS	6	6
Janis Bellavance	Special Education	Keene State College	BS	10	9
Mary Belle Isle	Special Education	Franklin Pierce College	BA	1	1
Christine Bourne	Grade 1	Keene State College	BS	1	1
Ralph Davidson	Grades 7 & 8	University of S. California	MA+15	34	9
Frances Davis	Grade 3	Keene State College	BS + 30	18	13
Conrad Ekstrom	Grade 6	Keene State College	Med.	25	22
Dayle Finn	Grades 7 & 8	Univ. of New England	Med.	16	13
Maureen Goodwin	Kindergarten	Univ. of Rhode Island	Bs	7	4
Vicky Goss	Technology Facilitator	Plymouth State College	BS	6	2
Donald Lavalette	Grades 7 & 8	Plymouth State College	BS	2	2
Sandra Lord	Grade 5	Keene State College	BS + 30	17	17
Cynthia Marsh	Art	U Mass.	BFA	2	2
Sheryl Pierce	Grade 2	UVM	BA	14	9
Erica Pfister	Guidance	Keene State College	Med.	1	1
Nancy Rickard	Grade 1	Keene State College	BS	25.5	25.5
Susan Roberts	Grade 4	Univ. of NH	BS	8	3
Heidi Sprague	Title I	Trinity College	BS	4	1
Elizabeth Tilton Wahlert	Multiage	Antioch NH Graduate School	Med.	2	1
Rachel Tirrell	Grade 5	Keene State College	BS ED	3	2
Patrica Waltzer	Music & Aide	State University College - NY	BA +15	18	3
Christine Williams	Physical Education	Plymouth State College	BS	21	7
Sandra Leight Sprecker	School Psychologist	U Mass.	PhD	6	1
Tanna Cota	Library Aide				
Penny Robinson	Speech Assistant				
Rhonda Colcord	School Nurse				
Michele Webster	Cafeteria Assistant				
Peggy Brown	Food Service Director	Keene State College	BS		
Annette Howard	Administrative Assistant - School				
Matthew Hoyt	Custodian				
Michael Lewis	Custodian				
Roger Fillds	Custodian				
Tina Baldwin	Special Education Assistant				
Edith Bednarczyk	Special Education Assistant				
Barbara Chadwick	Special Education Assistant				
Mary Fellows	Special Education Assistant				
Darlene Scimemi	Special Education Assistant				
Jane Skeie	Special Education Assistant				
Kim Heath	Special Education Assistant				
Peter Newbern	Special Education Assistant				
Jennie Lussier	Special Education Assistant				
Leah Taylor	Special Education Assistant				
Sherry Menard	Title I				
Jean Bates	Title I				

SCHOOL WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District in the towns of Goshen and Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School Gymnasium in Lempster on the 10th day of March, 2001, at seven o'clock PM to act upon the articles set forth in the Warrant. Articles 1 & 2 of the Warrant covering the election of Moderator, Member of the School Board from Goshen will be acted upon at three o'clock PM., and voting will be by official ballot and checklist. The polls will remain open for this purpose from three o'clock PM until at least seven thirty PM.

ARTICLE 1.

To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2.

To choose one member of the School Board from Goshen for a five year term beginning March 11, 2001.

ARTICLE 3.

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS (\$2,799,286.00) for the support of the school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. The School Board recommends this appropriation.

Note: The Board anticipates that \$1,728,720.00 from sources other than general taxation will be available to apply toward these expenditures.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District gym floor replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of repairs and painting of the exterior of the school building. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 7

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District boiler replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) Note: “The Board has previously been designated as agents with authority to disburse these funds without further voter approval.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of up to SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$6,900.00) for the purpose of implementing Phase 3 of the School District’s three year technology plan. The School Board recommends this appropriation (Majority vote required.)

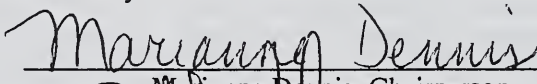
ARTICLE 9

To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for the installation of energy efficient lighting. The total cost of the lease/purchase agreement is Thirty Three thousand five hundred eighty nine dollars (33,589.00) to be repaid over a 5 year period and to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (6,718.00) for the first year’s payment. Future years installment payments will be put in the general budget. (2/3 Ballot vote required)

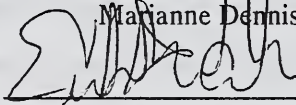
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To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

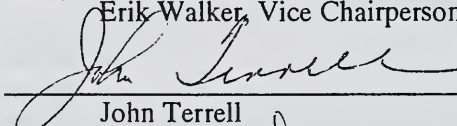
Given under our hands this 14th day of February 2001.



Marianne Dennis, Chairperson



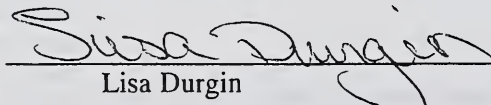
Erik Walker, Vice Chairperson



John Terrell



John Hopkins



Lisa Durgin

GOSHEN-LEMPSTER COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Estimated Revenues

	Revenue 2000-2001	Estimated 2001-2002	inc/dec
Earnings of Investments	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0.00
Medicaid reimbursement	\$8,000.00	\$20,000.00	12000.00
Catastrophic Aid	\$66,884.00	\$112,000.00	45116.00
Adequacy Grant	\$926,732.00	\$916,888.00	-9844.00
State Ed. Tax	\$512,307.00	\$523,832.00	11525.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$7,056.78	\$0.00	-7056.78
Reimbursement Anticipation Note	-\$22,000.00	\$0.00	22000.00
<i>TOTALS</i>	\$1,503,979.78	\$1,577,720.00	73740.22
Federal Income	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	0.00
	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	0.00
Federal Income Total	\$151,000.00	\$151,000.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,654,979.78	\$1,728,720.00	\$73,740.22

*GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET 2001 - 2002*

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>1999-2000 BUDGET</i>	<i>1999-2000 EXPENDED</i>	<i>2000-2001 BUDGET</i>	<i>2001-2002 PROPOSED BUDGET</i>
<i>INSTRUCTION</i> <i>1100</i>				
Salary - Teachers	442,475.00	430,460.00	477,637.00	489,274.00
Salary - Aide	3,885.00	5,838.12	4,005.00	4,208.00
Salary - Substitute	8,880.00	7,035.00	8,880.00	8,880.00
Technology Facilitator			10,800.00	
Health Insurance	41,532.00	38,720.04	49,481.00	68,684.00
Dental Insurance	5,226.00	5,023.43	5,144.00	6,765.00
Life & LTD Insurance	4,087.00	3,338.39	4,212.00	4,602.00
Worker's Compensation	3,278.00	1,953.94	3,605.00	3,215.00
Retirement	11,341.00	12,227.10	12,934.00	12,935.00
Social Security	34,826.00	35,356.13	38,096.00	38,431.00
Unemployment Comp.	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
Contracted Services	4,548.00	5,223.23	11,550.00	21,519.00
Repairs to Equipment	750.00	76.10	750.00	750.00
High School Tuition	769,748.00	680,599.81	832,206.00	877,078.00
Supplies & Materials	26,108.00	25,466.44	35,938.00	39,554.00
Textbooks	3,806.00	3,588.77	2,574.00	5,632.00
New Equipment	1,871.00	421.49	5,613.00	4,131.00
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	1,363,111.00	1,255,327.99	1,504,175.00	1,586,408.00
Percentage increase/decrease				5.47%
 <i>SPECIAL EDUCATION</i> <i>1200</i>				
Salary - Teachers	86,858.00	73,989.17	87,960.00	88,777.00
Salary - Aide	114,900.00	111,713.44	121,113.00	131,124.00
Health Insurance	16,465.00	13,515.00	10,267.00	17,529.00
Dental Insurance	2,152.00	1,412.16	1,077.00	1,724.00
Life & LTD Insurance	943.00	615.51	624.00	841.00
Worker's Compensation	1,453.00	1,430.00	1,505.00	1,452.00
Retirement	7,452.00	5,310.18	6,923.00	8,272.00
Social Security	15,996.00	15,748.27	17,146.00	17,360.00
Contracted Services	49,799.00	36,346.19	43,460.00	50,041.00
Tuition	76,067.00	169,280.59	235,360.00	195,484.00
Preschool tuition	8,151.00	17,607.94	12,956.00	17,166.00
Summer tuition	10,450.00	3,133.35	10,450.00	4,800.00
Supplies & Materials	2,030.00	1,930.85	2,271.00	2,709.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	200.00	605.00
 TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	392,716.00	452,032.65	551,312.00	537,884.00
Percentage increase/decrease				-2.44%
 <i>Gifted and talented</i> <i>1270</i>	7,300.00	6,592.71	7,300.00	7,500.00
Percentage increase/decrease				2.74%

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>1999-2000 BUDGET</i>	<i>1999-2000 EXPENDED</i>	<i>2000-2001 BUDGET</i>	<i>2001-2002 PROPOSED BUDGET</i>
<i>OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL 1400</i>	2,350.00	1,450.00	2,350.00	2,350.00
Percentage increase/decrease				0%
<i>GUIDANCE SERVICES 2120</i>				
Counselor's Salary	17,795.00	16,200.05	14,905.00	10,964.00
Worker's Compensation	128.00	1,239.30	110.00	839.00
Social Security	1,361.00	128.00	1,140.00	70.00
Testing	977.00	972.01	975.00	1,157.00
Supplies & Materials	754.00	514.40	750.00	946.00
TOTAL GUIDANCE SERVICES	21,015.00	19,053.76	17,880.00	13,976.00
Percentage increase/decrease				-21.83%
<i>HEALTH SERVICES 2130</i>				
Salary - Nurse	6,277.00	6,276.60	6,465.00	14,904.00
Workers Comp.	45.00	45.00	47.00	95.00
Social Security	480.00	480.16	495.00	1,140.00
Conferences				250.00
Supplies and Materials	516.00	460.41	635.00	541.00
New Equipment			600.00	674.00
Professional Dues				194.00
TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES	7,318.00	7,262.17	8,242.00	17,798.00
Percentage increase/decrease				115.94%
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES 2213</i>				
Tuition Reimbursement	5,288.00	1,763.00	5,500.00	4,410.00
Conference	1,184.00	1,484.00	2,700.00	2,520.00
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	6,472.00	3,247.00	8,200.00	6,930.00
Percentage increase/decrease				-15.49%
<i>EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SERVICES 2222</i>				
Salary - Librarian	12,306.00	11,453.20	12,675.00	12,376.00
Workers Comp.	89.00	164.00	94.00	79.00
Retirement	522.00	486.37	537.00	553.00
Social Security	941.00	876.16	970.00	947.00
Conferences				495.00
Supplies and Materials	1,050.00	606.23	1,350.00	1,100.00
Books	2,500.00	2,640.35	2,500.00	2,750.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	987.13	0.00	0.00
TOTAL MEDIA SERVICES	18,408.00	17,213.44	18,126.00	18,300.00
Percentage increase/decrease				0.96%

<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>1999-2000 BUDGET</i>	<i>1999-2000 EXPENDED</i>	<i>2000-2001 BUDGET</i>	<i>2001-2002 PROPOSED BUDGET</i>
<i>BOARD OF EDUCATION 2310</i>				
Salary - School Board	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Salary - Moderator	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Truant Officer	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Criminal Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.00
Insurance Treasurer's Bond	575.00	280.00	350.00	350.00
Advertising	1,500.00	3,241.10	1,800.00	2,500.00
Supplies and Materials	500.00	554.36	500.00	500.00
TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	4,025.00	5,425.46	4,100.00	5,004.00
Percentage increase/decrease				22.05%
 School Board Clerk 2312				
Salary - Clerk	350.00	503.90	350.00	350.00
 School Board Treasurer 2313				
Salary - Treasurer	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00
 School Board Ballot Clerks 2314				
Salary - Ballot Clerk	420.00	660.00	420.00	420.00
 School Board - Auditor 2317				
Salary - Auditor	1,750.00	1,350.00	1,750.00	1,350.00
Percentage increase/decrease				-22.86%
 School Board - legal 2318				
Legal Fees	1,500.00	2,580.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
 <i>2321</i>				
<i>OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT</i>				
Superintendent Salary	18,300.00	23,665.16	22,248.00	23,138.00
Superintendent negotiaions salary				1,000.00
Administrative Assistant	23,000.00	22,999.96	23,679.00	25,338.00
Health Insurance	7,202.00	9,576.74	13,254.00	11,051.00
Dental Insurance	1,300.00	994.22	856.00	862.00
Life & LTD Insurance	1,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Worker's Compensation	277.00	277.00	339.00	316.00
Retirement	975.00	975.26	1,004.00	1,131.00
Social Security	2,945.00	3,569.87	3,513.00	3,785.00
Professional Services	6,566.00	6,566.00	3,700.00	4,672.00
Mileage	800.00	756.82	800.00	800.00
Telephone	1,300.00	1,247.64	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage	500.00	329.81	600.00	600.00
Supplies and Materials	1,800.00	1,780.78	1,800.00	1,800.00
New Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL OFFICE OF SUPERINTENI	66,715.00	72,739.26	72,993.00	75,693.00
Percentage increase/decrease				3.70%

DESCRIPTION	1999-2000 BUDGET	1999-2000 EXPENDED	2000-2001 BUDGET	2001-2002 PROPOSED BUDGET
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION 2700				
Bus Transportation 2721	55,500.00	55,568.28	55,500.00	115,650.00
Video Monitoring	3,000.00	1,559.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	58,500.00	57,127.28	55,500.00	115,650.00
Percentage increase/decrease				108.38%
Transportation 2722				
Special Education transportation	23,800.00	35,192.32	21,500.00	23,212.00
Percentage increase/decrease				7.96%
Transportation 2725				
Field Trips	3,500.00	1,083.19	3,500.00	3,500.00
Percentage increase/decrease				0.00%
Transportation 2730				
Feeder Routes	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	0.00
Percentage increase/decrease				-100%
DEBT SERVICE 5100				
Principal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2,190,579.00	2,165,603.71	2,503,116.80	2,648,286.00
Percentage increase/decrease				5.80%
Food Service in/out	49,000.00		36,000.00	36,000.00
Federal Projects in/out	5,500.00		115,000.00	115,000.00
GRAND TOTALS	2,245,079.00		2,654,116.80	2,799,286.00

A. Way & Hurd School Fund

Principal Beginning Balance	614.16
Interest Beginning Balance	95.23
Interest Income for 2000	43.27
Total Principal and Interest	752.66

Goshen-Lempster Special Education Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-00	21,681.19
Interest Income for 2000	346.61
Withdrawals	20,000.00
12-31-00 Ending Balance	2,027.80

Goshen-Lempster Gym Floor Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-00	10,000.00
Interest Income for 2000	172.68
12-31-00 Ending Balance	10,172.68

Goshen-Lempster Replacement or Repair of Existing Equipment Capital Reserve

Beginning Balance 01-01-00	2,988.63
Interest Income for 2000	82.59
Withdrawals	2,200.00
12-31-00 Ending Balance	871.22

Goshen-Lempster Capital Reserve for Boiler Replacement

Beginning Balance 01-01-00	10,000.00
Interest Income for 2000	235.44
Withdrawals	9,448.00
12-31-00 Ending Balance	787.44

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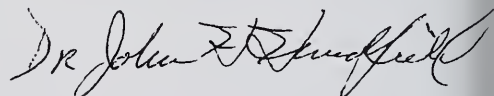
This past year the Goshen-Lempster School District has continued to execute well its mission to provide quality educational programming to the students of the district. Furthermore, the district remains committed to promoting student achievement in a manner that is not only educationally sound, but also fiscally prudent.

By way of illustration, I offer the following:

- A series of instructional initiatives to maximize student achievement have been introduced this year that have resulted in many positive outcomes. These include creating improved learning contexts for students through the creation of a multi-age classroom as well as a looping program for Grades 1 and 2 that has integrated the learning environment for these students.
- Another initiative has engaged faculty in the Cross Curricula Project whereby teachers developed lessons that focused on interdisciplinary learning episodes. By accessing various non-local sources of funding, the school was able to use this effort as a vehicle to also improve student scores on the NH Educational Assessments.
- We continue to see graduates of the Goshen-Lempster School distinguish themselves and their communities through involvement in many co-curricular activities and displaying high academic achievement at area high schools.
- Despite the fact that energy costs have escalated dramatically, the wisdom to create and utilize a capital reserve fund to replace an antiquated boiler could not have come at a better time. Had this action not occurred when it did, then energy costs truly would have become oppressive.

As we look forward to next school year, citizens of the district need to know that the School Board and Administration will continue to work assiduously toward improving educational outcomes in a fiscally prudent manner. Already the Board has crafted a proposed budget for 2001-2002 that reflects certain savings to the district, thereby mitigating the effect that increasing costs in areas that we cannot control could have on our educational programs.

In closing, I am reminded of a common statement that the early Romans used to describe their efforts to improve their lot. *Ad Astra Per Aspira* – to strive to reach great heights was their watchword, and, in my mind, aptly describes what guides the Goshen-Lempster School District.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2000

The Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School began the new millennium with a year that was rich with experiences for students. School volunteers and educational staff spent many hours planning for activities and creating programs to provide an exciting learning environment for the children of the community. Only some of the events are able to be highlighted in this report; however, the "sketch" of activities demonstrates how well the community is involved with the overall function of its school.

JANUARY

- The awesome effort by parent volunteers Janet Gibson and Carlene Scarlet as coordinators of the Winter Activity Program made many terrific experiences available to our students. They began during the previous summer to arrange activities and transportation so that the students could participate in swimming, skiing, roller skating, gymnastics, cooking, carpentry, bowling, and basketball.

- Ms. Williams spent many afternoons coaching a Goshen-Lempster girls' basketball team. The team played interscholastic games with the Sunapee Middle School girls' team.

- Eighth grade students entered into a twelve week program of Personal Safety and Awareness. They became acquainted with potentially unsafe situations in life's path. They learned techniques and response mechanisms to ensure their safety during threatening situations. The program, delivered by Women's Supportive Services, is an example of local community involvement in the public schools.

- Another example of community involvement is a training program for our students in Peer Mediation. Esther Tardy Wolfe, Director of the Lake Sunapee Area Mediation Program, spent several afternoons training students, who were selected by their peers, to mediate minor disputes between other students. This very successful program was to continue into the following school year under the coordination Ms. Patty Bechok.

FEBRUARY

- The P.T.C., under the direction of President Peggy Brown, sponsored such social activities for students as a Valentine's dance.

- The P.T.C. also sponsored a school wide Magic Show by Creative Enterprises on the Friday afternoon before students left for their Winter vacation.

- Students were honored for their various achievements at the Mid-year Awards Assembly. Special presentations were made to school volunteers Ms. Carlene Scarlett and Ms. Janet Gibson for their organization of the Winter Activity Program; presentations were also made to Dr. Lilyan Wright and Ms. Christine Williams for their work with the Field Hockey program.

MARCH

- School District meeting was a pure demonstration of parental support for the school program. Many parents of students organized to encourage members of the community to attend the meeting and to exercise their right to vote. Among the leaders in this effort were Ms. Janet Gibson, Ms. Kristen Bartlett, and Ms. Gail Peck. The effort resulted in a tremendous number of citizens in attendance at the meeting, making the very important decisions about the operation of their school.

- The school staff organized a student reading project known as Read Across America. The emphasis was placed on Dr. Seuss books. The activities consisted of daily reading activities, volunteer adults from the community reading to students, older students reading to younger students, Ms. Brown preparing Dr. Seuss lunches, and students voting for their favorite Dr. Seuss book.

- Mr. Ekstrom and his sixth grade class spent a week at the FIRST PLACE program in Manchester. Their challenge was to design a biosphere for the surface of Mars. There were many components to the project: robotics, computer design, human physiology, energy production in space, and understanding the planet Mars.

- Ms. Bechok and the Goshen-Lempster peer mediators traveled to the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord for a state wide conference. This was their opportunity to meet with other peer mediators from schools throughout New Hampshire.

- On the evening of March 23, many parents and community members attended the annual Student Project Fair; this year, the theme was community. There were many dazzling displays such as constructed models of authentic local historical sites. Ms. Davis' Third Grade class began the evening with a spectacular spaghetti dinner.

APRIL

- Justin Whitman, a former Goshen-Lempster student, was one of two thousand "ambassadors" from all over the world who were chosen as Millennium Dreamers representatives to attend a world wide conference at Disney World in Florida. Justin was selected on the basis of a composition that he submitted, outlining his community achievements while he was a seventh and eighth grade student at the Goshen-Lempster School. Justin also indicated that his goal in life is to become a teacher. His inspiration is his fifth grade teacher, Ms. Sandra Lord. As an older student, Justin spent much of his free time as a volunteer in Ms. Lord's classroom.

- The P.T.C. sponsored a Christa McAuliff Planetarium presentation for the entire student body. Michael Neece ("Meteor Mike"), director of the planetarium's educational program, provided our students with a very entertaining and informative program on astronomy.

MAY

- Citizens of the community enjoyed a Goshen-Lempster Evening at the Arts. Student art work was displayed for parents and guests. Also, Red vs. The Wolf was performed by a cast of student characters; the play was dedicated to Ruth LeClair, the founder of the Goshen-Lempster Theater Arts Project. In addition, Ms. Waltzer's School Band and Chorus entertained guests with a number of selections.

- Community agencies frequently come in to school to instruct students on how their community works or simply to share information intended to keep children safe. Two resident attorneys, Michael Shklar and County Prosecutor Mark Hathaway, provided law education programs for our students as part of the Lawyer in Every School Program. Also, Deputy Sheriff Tom Cummings conducted a bicycle safety course for our students.

JUNE

- The Eighth Grade Class traveled to Lake George to spend several days for their class trip. The event was made possible through the efforts of many parents under the superb organization and direction of Ms. Gail Peck.

- Eighth Graduation was held in the school gymnasium on the evening of June 16. This very talented class of thirty three students was represented by Co-Valedictorians Kevin Dennis and Jessica Osgood, Co-Salutatorians Jesse Leigh Gagnon and Shawna Palmer, and Co-Third Honors students Ethan Peck and Laura Walker. Superintendent John Handfield gave a talk, and School Board members Marianne Dennis and Eric Walker issued diplomas. A reception for the graduates, organized by the P.T.C. and parents of the seventh grade students, followed the graduation ceremony.

SUMMER

As we focus on the involvement of community in the school, not enough can be said about the awesome program of Kid'z 'n Mo-shun. Two weeks of fun filled and educational activities were offered to students (ie. music, martial arts, dance, boating, cooking, biking, and more). This awesome experience was the result of the volunteer efforts of many citizens; it was also the result of the brilliant organizational efforts of Ms. Linda Collins.

SEPTEMBER

- The beginning of the new school year found the staff involved with activities and training that were focused on the improvement of curriculum and teaching strategies. As part of an effort to improve the school's curriculum alignment with the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks, grants were written to support the activities of the Cross Curricula Project (a program designed by the staff). The project involves consulting with the firm SYNERGY to best provide opportunities for teachers to work together in curriculum reform. The activities, which are scheduled throughout the year, bring teachers together to plan lessons which integrate various disciplines. The teachers then go into a particular classroom as a team, with the consultant, to implement the lesson plan. After the lesson, the teachers meet in a workshop format to discuss the outcomes. Each classroom receives focus several times throughout the year.

- Two new educational programs were implemented at the start of school. The first and second grades began an educational arrangement known as looping. In looping, a teacher remains with his or her students for two years, after which the teacher "loops" back to pick-up a new student group in the first grade. The primary advantages to looping are the ability to plan curriculum over a two year period (greater continuity), and the development of the student/teacher relationship does not need to be re-established after one year (greater efficiency in terms of classroom function). The two teachers involved in the program are Sheryl Pierce and Christine Bourne (new to our staff this year). The other program that was instituted this year is a multi-age classroom. The teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Tilton-Wahlert (also new to our staff this year), creates thematic lessons for a group of students which span several age levels. The relationships which are formed among these students and the support and guidance that the students provide for each other make this learning arrangement very special.

- Parents contribute to the educational process in many different ways. Some volunteer their time in the classroom, others will make themselves present at very strategic times (such as School Board meetings or budget meetings) to show their support, resulting in such services as increased nurse time for our students. Some parents will spend their time working with support groups such as the P.T.C. to provide special programs for students; call President Peggy Brown if you would like to be involved. Still other parents will make material donations to classrooms or to the entire school (such as Ms. Samantha Stillwell and Mr. and Mrs. LaBounty who donated playground equipment to all of the classrooms).

OCTOBER

- On the morning of October 6, a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted to signify the official opening of The School/Community Basketball Court. The P.T.C. conducted the ceremony, the School Band participated, the student council provided refreshment, and many citizens attended (including State Representative Bob O'dell). The project, which was the "brain child" of former P.T.C. President Judy Brenner, was completed under the direction of P.T.C. President Peggy Brown, Vice President Janet Gibson, and members Lori Tremblay and Kim Heath. The completion of the court was made possible by many contributions from citizens and local businesses, as well as a matching fund School District appropriation.

- The New Hampshire Educational Assessment results for grades three and six indicated an improvement from the previous year. In terms of the mean-scaled score (a range from 200 to 300), the third grade mathematics and language arts results each improved by eleven points; the sixth grade scores each improved by three points. While it is encouraging to experience gains in the assessment, there remains much to be done. The school staff will continue to evaluate and modify the school curriculum and the teaching strategies; using the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks as a guideline.

- October begins the season of home heating and the increased risks of house fires. To educate the students about fire prevention, the Lempster and the Goshen Fire Departments spent a morning at school to ensure that each child understood the proper procedures to follow during a fire and the safe practices that are required to prevent a fire.

NOVEMBER

- Citizens of the community enjoyed the many activities at the Goshen-Lempster eleventh annual Holiday Crafts Fair. This was an opportunity for local crafters and our students to show their handiwork. It was also an opportunity for neighbors to socialize in a holiday atmosphere (enjoying good food and having a little fun) while supporting their school. Even Santa Clause (Mr. Arthur Jillette) was on hand to hear children deliver their holiday gift wish lists. This festivity is a product of the dedication and organization by the Parent-Teachers Club, a dynamic group of individuals who unselfishly give their time to make their school and their community a better place.

- The Local Educational Improvement Team embarked on the evaluation of a structured school volunteer program and the formation of a new three year technology plan for the District. The team members represent a cross section of citizens from Goshen and Lempster (parents of students, staff members, senior citizens, home school parents, etc.); the members are Ms. Susan Roberts, Dr. Lilyan Wright, Ms. Barbara Richards, Ms. Carolyn Fellows, Ms. Sandra Lord, and Mr. John Bonfiglio. The team continually evaluates school programs; they also spend considerable time tracking Goshen-Lempster students through high school and college.

DECEMBER

- The Traveling Lantern Players presented the play The Prince and the Pauper to the entire student body. This event was one of the many programs that the P.T.C sponsors.

- The annual Holiday Concert was held on the evening of December 21. Directed by Ms. Pam Waltzer, there were presentations by classrooms, the School Band, the School Chorus, and individual students. There was standing room only as parents and guests enjoyed the performance.

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Today's schools must serve society as well as meet the needs of individual students and their families. Our students are preparing to be active citizens, knowledgeable workers, caring and compassionate people, and life long learners who will continue to use education as a means to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. Recently, education has become a political battleground among competing special interests groups. It is imperative that all of the stakeholders arrive at a consensus on what practices best serve the interests of all children. Educators and the general public certainly agree that excellence in education and equal opportunity for our children need to be our primary focus. However, it is in the definition of those qualities that the "parting of the ways" is formed. Does equal opportunity suggest that all students are treated the same? Are standardized tests the barometer for excellence? Our shared values and common goals are reflected in our definition of a school system. As we strive to maximize our human, technological and financial resources, our challenge is to maintain the incredible pace of our changing world. We will be, and should be, held accountable as to how effectively we use those resources to achieve our mission.

Every child deserves a school that is inviting, stimulating and academically challenging. Such a system is the product of a high caliber staff and a supportive community that share the belief that each child has the ability and the need to learn. The Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School is such a system. With the continued community support, the continued articulate direction by our School Board, the continued investment of boundless energy by our school volunteers, and the continued awesome efforts of our school staff, the Goshen-Lempster School will continue to be a school system that its community can be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bonfiglio

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GOSHEN-LEMPSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

JULY 1, 1999 -- JUNE 30, 2000

MEETING HELD SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2000

VOTING 3 pm

MEETING 7 pm

The meeting was opened by Moderator, Michael Shklar, at 7:07 pm. He then proceeded to outline the procedure for the meeting. The meeting is for registered voters and any who are not registered voters were asked to sit on the left side of the room. Mr. Shklar explained that as each Article is read it is usually explained by a member of the School Board. He will then open the floor for public comment.

Ms. G. Fleming then thanked Arthur Jillette for his years of service to the School Board. He was then presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Shklar then proceeded with the meeting by reading the following from the School Warrant. "To the inhabitants of the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School District, in the towns of Goshen and Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School Gymnasium in Lempster on the 4th day of March 2000, at seven o'clock PM to act upon the articles set forth in the Warrant. Articles 1 & 2 of the Warrant covering the election of Moderator, Member of the School Board from Lempster and filling a vacant School Board position for a Goshen term will be acted upon at three o'clock PM, and voting will be by official ballot and checklist. The polls will remain open for this purpose from three o'clock PM until at least seven-thirty PM."

ARTICLE 1 -- To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year. (By ballot vote)

ARTICLE 2 -- To choose a member of the School Board from Lempster for a five year term beginning March 4, 2000, and to choose a member of the School Board from Goshen for the remainder of a term beginning March 4, 2000 and expiring 2002.

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ARTICLE 3 -- To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

A motion was made by Arthur Jillette and seconded by Arne Nilsen to accept this Article as written. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote without comment or debate.

Mr Fabrycky stated he would like to amend Article 2 and was told by the Moderator that the Article was not amendable but determined by a ballot vote. It is covered by the District by-laws and is not a debatable Article.

ARTICLE 4 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of (up to) SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) for unanticipated special education costs for the current school year and authorize the withdrawal of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) from the "special education" Capital Reserve for that purpose. The balance of \$55,000.00 is to come from general taxation. The School Board recommended this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

A motion was made by John Tirrell and seconded by Bill Robinson for this Article. M. Dennis of the School Board addressed the Article saying that the budget is formed seven months before the school year and there are times when the anticipated costs are not enough. If a student comes to the school with an IEP needing services not anticipated we have no choice but to provide those services. Mr. Onnela questions the wording of the Article and feels the word "deficit" should be used..Dr. Handfield commented on the wording of the Article so it would be clearly understood. Mr Grenier questioned whether this appropriation was for this year alone and if it is what Mr. Onnela termed a "deficit appropriation. ARTICLE 4 passed with a majority voice vote and very few "no".

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ARTICLE 5 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$2,653,577.00) for the support of school, for the payment of salaries of School District officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.) NOTE: The Board anticipates that \$1,717,039.00 from sources other than general taxation will be available to apply towards these expenditures.

A motion was made by Arthur Jillette and seconded by Michael Potter on this Article. Mr. Jillette spoke on this Article saying some expenditures took a tremendous jump such as high school tuition. Another increase was for special education expenses. The negotiated contract with the teachers caused another increase although it is lower than other school districts in the State. Mr. Jillette explained there is a \$540.00 difference between the budget and the Article because of a typographical error. The reimbursements we will receive will mean the amount we need to raise will be \$936,538.00.

Mr. Fabrycky asked how many tuition special education students there are and how many total special education students there are? Principal, John Bonfiglio stated there are forty special education students in house with different levels of need, and Dr. Handfield stated there are five tuition students. A question was asked if the health benefits for the teachers was broadened to go along with the greater cost. The answer was "no". Mr. Bonfiglio explained that there is an item of \$5,000.00 for curriculum development which was taken out of the budget last year but felt we needed to put it in for this year. Supplies and materials also include all photo copies, etc. Ms. Janicke questioned the difference in cost if we were with SAU 43 as opposed to being with SAU 71. She also wanted to understand if the administrative costs included the electricity for the SAU office. The answer was that the school is absorbing the cost of the electricity for the SAU office. There was also a question about the salary of the SAU Superintendent. The figures given were for last year and the coming year. Lilyan Wright spoke on the decision to have our own SAU knowing full well there would be administrative costs. Mr. Jillette explained that the Newport schools are becoming crowded and they will need more schools. If we joined them they would be able to get more funding.

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ARTICLE 5 (continued)

The main reason we split was because we had very little input and there is no guarantee Newport would take us back. At that time a women defended good education for the children. The difference of cost in the split should not be the main concern but better education should be the priority. In answer to a question of why we split in the first place Doris Adler clarified that we now have 100% of administrative attention on Goshen-Lempster. The opinion that the split was caused by personality problems and that there was an antagonistic atmosphere with Newport. Mr. Barrett repeated that we had very little say in SAU 43.

Increased cost of the Technology plan was questioned and John Bonfiglio explained that a site license was good for only one program. For each additional program a new site license must be paid for. At this time we hope to bring the part time facilitator up to full time. John Bonfiglio also answered a statement that Goshen-Lempster school was going down hill on grades. He explained that statistics were not always accurate because in a small school a small percentage of poor students would show up as a larger percentage of the total. The same number of poor students in a large school would be a smaller percentage of the total. Goshen-Lempster was defended because of the number of our students who are on the honor roll in the different high schools. Lilyan Wright stated there are a good number of Goshen-Lempster students graduating from the various high schools. Mr Shklar called for a motion to cease discussion and a motion was made by Mr. Bard, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All were in favor. This article passed by a voice vote with very few "no" votes.

ARTICLE 6 -- To see if the School District will vote to change the purpose of an existing Capital Reserve Fund from "financing capital improvements" to " financing the replacement or repair of existing equipment". The School Board recommends this article. (2/3 vote required)

A motion was made by Mr. L. Brown and seconded by Janet Gibson to move on this article. John Hopkins explained the article after which there was very little discussion. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously.

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ARTICLE 7 -- To see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the "replacement or repair of existing equipment" capital reserve effective immediately. The School Board shall hold a public hearing prior to the expenditure of such funds. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven days before the meeting is held. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by Michael Potter, seconded by William Robinson for this article. John Hopkins explained the need to be able to spend funds for emergency repairs but the public would be kept aware by a notice of a meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in favor.

ARTICLE 8 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$8,525.00) for the purpose of increasing the nurses position from thirty percent (30%) time to seventy percent (70%) time. An increase of 40% time. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by Carol Whitman and seconded by John Fabrycky for this article. Mr. John Terrell quite eloquently praised the School Board for their time and effort on behalf of the school and the students. The negotiating committee was praised for their efforts in getting the teachers contract. Speaking for this article Mr. Terrell stated the nurse takes Mom's place while the children are in school and we need to have a nurse available when the children have problems. A voice vote was taken after very few comments and passed unanimously

ARTICLE 9 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$19,550.00) for the purpose of implimenting Phase 2 of the School Districts three year Technology Plan. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required) NOTE - This appropriation, in addition to the appropriation requested in Article 10 would fully implement Phase 2 of the Technology Plan.

A motion was made by Gail Fleming and seconded by Leonard Brown for this article. Gail Fleming praised the staff and administration on the Technology Plan. We now have computers in the school which makes the students knowledgable and competitive when they get to high school. She spoke of the \$35,000.00 grant received to give the students state of the art computers and staff development. Part of why we received the grant was because we had the Technology Plan in place. Article 9 passed with a voice vote of "Yes" and very few "no".

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ARTICLE 10 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$15,375.00) for the purpose of bringing the Technology Facilitator from a part time to a full time position pursuant to Phase 2 of the School District's three year Technology Plan. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

A motion was made by Gail Fleming and seconded by Michael Potter for this article. Gail Fleming explained the \$35,000.00 grant. Jean Barrett questioned the need for more money. Gail explained that the grant is for a specific purpose and if it is not used for that purpose it goes back to the State. John Bonfiglio explained the Facilitator has several different parts to his job such as how he works with the teachers, needs time to study set ups around the State to set up a networking system. Phase 3 would be similar to what we do now but the increased time would allow us to get further use of the system. The grant would allow us to get more hardware for the system and keep our computers up to par and the computer lab would be up to the standards of other schools. Mr. Hathaway asked for further explanation on the use of the computers and the cost of Phase 3. Mr. Bonfiglio continued to explain the costs of equipment, etc. With the grant we will get the hardware onto the networking system. Gail Fleming then spoke of the positive aspects of the article.

A motion was made by Mr. Bard and seconded by Mr. Potter to end the debate. The motion to cease debate on Article 10. All were in favor to call the question to cease debate. The Article passed with a voice vote of "yes" and very few "no".

ARTICLE 11 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District gym floor replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by Gail Fleming and seconded by Harrison Stover for this Article. Gail Fleming spoke on the condition at this time and the need to replace the floor in the future. The cost would depend on what we choose to do at the time. In answer to Mr. Barrett's question on cost the estimate would be between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars. The motion passed by majority with very few "no".

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ARTICLE 12 -- To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be added to the School District Boiler Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by Madeline Ferland and seconded by Leonard Brown for this article. The boiler in question is in the old part of the building and was installed in 1956 or 1957 according to John Hopkins. A good quality boiler would be anywhere from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00. A new boiler would greatly increase efficiency. The boiler could be replaced for about \$10,000.00. Jean Barrett wanted to know if this appropriation would be completion of the reserve fund. Michael Shklar read Article 13 from the previous year which established the reserve fund. That article passed unanimously. John Hopkins answered Mr Onella's question on the cost of fuel used for the year. We use six thousand gallons at a cost of \$4200.00 per year. Ms. Peggy Brown made a motion seconded by William Robinson to cease debate on this Article. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of this motion. Mr. Shklar then read the Article after the vote was taken on the Article. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE 13 -- Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any School District at an Annual Meeting may adopt an Article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the School Board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District, unanticipated money from state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the ffiscal year? Such money shall be used only if (1) it is used for legal purposes for which a School District may appropriate money, (2) the School Board holds a public hearing on the expenditure of such money before it is expended, and (3) it does not require expenditure of other School District funds except those funds lawfully appropriated for the same purpose. (Majority vote required)

Motion was made by Arthur Jillette and seconded by Madeline Ferland to move on this Article. Arthur Jillette explained that during the school we sometimes get grants that were not anticipated in the school budget. We then do not have the right to spend those funds unless we call a special school meeting.

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ARTICLE 13 (continued) Sometimes people make a gift to the school, or money left in a will, etc. where we would have to have a special meeting to be able to use the money. This Article would make it possible to use the money according to the RSA 198:20-b. Mr Wirkkila asked if the Article could be amended. Doris Adler asked if this will include money from the State to which Arthur Jillette stated money from the State is already budgeted.

The Article voted on last year was for that year only whereas this Article would be in perpetuity. Linda Janicke made the motion to amend the Article to be effective only for one year. This was seconded by Mr. Onnela. The vote was taken on the motion to amend the Article which was defeated. There were very few "yes" votes. Motion was then made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Phyllis Clark to vote on the main motion which was passed with a voice vote and very few "no"

Mr. Shklar then thanked the public for their participation and interest in the school meeting.

ARTICLE 14 -- To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

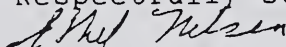
Mr. Jillette responded to a question by Mr. Scranton on the SAU. Mr Jillette stated we were concerned about the Goshen-Lempster children. They are free to go to any high school and we transport them. Newport needs more space in their school and it is possible our students would not be able to go to Newport. We may eventually need our own high school. Mr. Richards questioned the generator bought a few years ago. John Hopkins answered that it was for emergency backup but had problems. Mr. Hathaway wanted an analysis of the heating system over the coming year.

Gail Fleming presented the gift of flowers to Arthur Jillette for his dedication to the School Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Refreshments were provided by the School Council during the evening.

Respectfully submitted



Ethel Nilsen

School Board Clerk

PUPIL STATISTICS

School enrollment for the last 15 years on the opening day of school.

School Year	Sub										Tuition	Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total		
1986-87	15	31	18	22	21	18	14	18	22	179	63	242
1987-88	20	29	26	23	23	23	20	15	20	199	66	265
1988-89	21	29	29	26	19	21	25	21	17	208	77	285
1989-90	29	20	23	30	25	24	24	24	21	220	73	293
1990-91	24	38	17	26	31	23	20	22	23	224	74	298
1991-92	21	37	20	13	29	31	24	21	23	219	65	284
1992-93	21	27	38	19	16	28	32	22	19	222	69	291
1993-94	26	23	26	36	20	17	30	27	24	229	72	301
1994-95	11	22	20	23	36	17	18	28	29	204	92	296
1995-96	27	16	26	18	28	37	19	24	28	223	89	312
1996-97	16	30	17	24	19	25	32	17	20	200	92	292
1997-98	16	22	27	15	24	17	32	35	22	210	93	303
1998-99	17	17	22	35	19	30	19	31	31	221	96	317
2-1 99	19	18	26	37	21	30	19	34	33	237	99	336
1999-00	15	19	20	24	35	19	26	17	33	208	99	307
2-1-00	15	20	24	25	39	20	26	20	34	223	98	321
2000-01	12	17	22	21	22	35	19	29	20	197	98	295



2000 Eighth Grade Graduates

Row 1 (L to R): Graduates - Jessica Osgood, Cassie Gaffney, Julie Beaudry, Jennifer Brown, Shawna Plamer, Jazmine Dooley, Laura Walker, Amanda Pierce, Wils Dalling, Ashley Cocco, Kevin Dennis.

ROW 2 (L to R): Ushers – Alison Murray, Autumn Murray. Graduates – Jason Heath, Angela Brown, Brittney Waterman, Samantha Partlow, Jessie-Leigh Gagnon, Ryan Pring, Kelly Robinson, Shawn Cederman, Ethan Peck, Alicia Taglitela, Ryann Bevilacqua, Corey Shinnars, Timothy Whitman, Jesse Hemingway, Paul Fillion. Marshal – Kevin Pelletier.

ROW 3 (L to R): Marshal – Kara Smith, Usher – Heather Caron, Graduates – Charles Lewis, Rebecca Pohl, Adam Hill, Jeff Starcher, Matthew Blackwood, Travis LaCasse, Stan Bednarczyk.

